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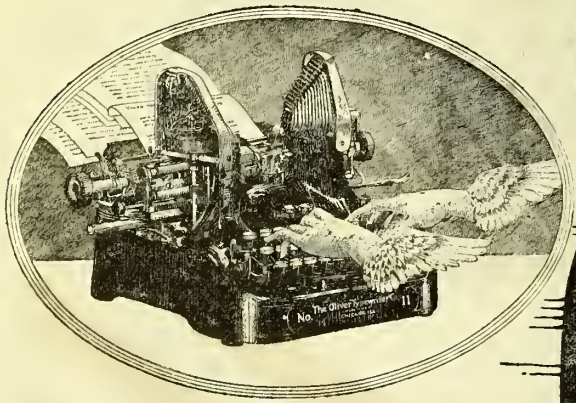
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The Code of the Strutters of Ville Noire

By Fairfax Downey

LIEUTENANT RICHARD RYLE twanged a mean banjo on the Colonel's staff. When not thus occupied, he was engaged in the ferreting out, collection and tabulation of that which was known in army circles as "Intelligence." And whatever might be Lieutenant Ryle's eye for intelligence, there was no gainsaying his ear for music.

The occasion for the order relieving Lieutenant Ryle from duty with his battery and assigning him to the regimental staff for the purpose of banjo playing, was believed to have been an untoward incident which befell him while strolling in a *bois*. Previous to that time, the lieutenant had been only on detached service and had spent some time with his battery, between concerts at headquarters.

The lieutenant had entertained the theory concerning this *bois* that an O.P. might advantageously be established in its more hostile extremity, and had pursued this theory through the woodlands in spite of the cautions of the Infantry he found domiciled therein. He was not

long in locating the ideal spot for his post and he was not much longer in drawing a salvo of 77's and one-pounders with which Jerry delighted to honor him alone. That, after all, Lieutenant Ryle insisted, on his way back to the dressing station, only proved what a dandy O. P. the place was.

When the Colonel got the report that Lieutenant Ryle had been wounded, he was deeply concerned. But he was relieved to find that it was not really serious. Neither the arms nor the hands of the casualty had collected the shell splinter, which had lodged in the left leg. That member had absolutely nothing to do with the lieutenant's manipulation of the



Summoning infinite pep, the staff discoursed "The Darktown Strutters' Ball"

banjo. It wasn't even the leg he kept time with.

However, why tempt fate further? Many a man could persuade a quartet of gunners to go up or down on their correctors, shoot a battery salvo from the left or negotiate a barrage and otherwise annoy the German Empire. But when it came to tearing off "The Hungarian Rag"—in all the A. E. F. there was none like Lieutenant Ryle.

Hence the order, and hence came Lieutenant Ryle from the perils and physical hardships of Battery B to the comparative safety and mental (and musical) exertion of the regimental staff.

Now there was already on duty at the headquarters of that regiment an aggregation of musical talent which would have insured eternal fame had not promotion and other inconveniences dissipated the personnel before the end of the war. The two liaison officers could be depended upon to maintain most excellent communication between their tortoise shell picks and all four strings of the banjo-mandolins that were part of their equipment, while the adjutant was accustomed to cause more harmonious sounds to proceed from his guitar than ever ensued upon the receipt of any of the orders he issued.

To this tuneful trio, then, came Lieutenant Ryle, making it a quartet devoted to the maintenance of the morale of Colonel McQueen of the 444th F. A. And the maintenance of a colonel's morale is no light and inconsiderable task, or one to be neglected.



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Now it came to pass that the inaugural dinner for the musical staff took place at a sylvan retreat which went by the designation of P. C. Maubois. Perhaps, gentle reader, you know P. C. Maubois, a wooded spot which by reason of a long period as a *secteur tranquille* had attained to a state of comfort and adornment. Corded paths ran from shack to shack—rather from cottage to cottage—which housed everything from shower baths to a spacious mess hall, each surrounded by its rustic fence. In and about P. C. Maubois raged only war de luxe.

There was a dinner in the mess hall one night, an international affair. French officers had come, bringing chefs, which undoubtedly were one of the closest bonds in Franco-American liaison. The repast, therefore was gastronomically perfect, and convivial, too, by the grace of one of the most famous orders of G. H. Q. and the fact that Mr. Volstead's first name is Andrew, not André. At the conclusion of the meal, the Colonel commanded, "Staff, attention! Draw banjos! Tune banjos! Ready, play!"

And led by Lieutenant Ryle, rested from battery service and otherwise refreshed, they played. How they did play! The French guests were moved to Gallic enthusiasm and filled the mess hall with their cheers and bravos, while as for the Colonel's morale—it never had been higher. It was so high that that genial commander ordered silence and stepping to the field telephone enunciated: "Give me Muskrat!"

NOW the complete balance of Colonel McQueen should not for a moment be questioned. He was making a call entirely in the regulation manner and employing that crafty code which the fear of tapped wires had enjoined upon all forces.

"Is this Muskrat A-1?" pursued the Colonel. "Give me Muskrat A-1. *Donnez-moi Muskrat A-1.*" he concluded bi-lingually.

There was a pause while the proper muskrat was summoned to the wire. The personage desired, as the assembly, conversant with the code, were aware, was none other than the French General, who in those earlier days was commanding the American division.

"Hello. Hall-o," the Colonel said. "This is Otter O-1. Is this Muskrat A-1?"

It was the old muskrat himself. He admitted as much.

"*Bon soir,*" greeted the Colonel, who was proud of his French.

"Goot eveneen," replied the General, who cared for his English.

"*Attendez,*" bade the Colonel. "*Voici bon musique.*"

Thereupon the staff rendered a selection in their best manner close to the transmitter.

"It ees ver' goot," the General complimented. "*Encore!*"

"Give him my favorite," the Colonel directed. Grasping their banjos firmly by the necks and summoning infinite pep, the staff discoursed "The Dark-town Strutters' Ball."

"*Bon, n'est-ce pas?*" the Colonel declared. "*Le nom est—er, er 'Le Bal des Strutters de Ville Noire.'*"

"*Magnifique!*" the General vowed, and the staff had to play the thing ten times before relieved.

BUT paradises like that of P. C. Maubois do not last. War is bound to get Shermanized sooner or later. Thus it came about that the musical staff of the 444th F. A. found themselves somewhat later in the course of events still intact but not still comfortable. Another section of a far-flung front had called. Comfort there was none in the miserable little dugout which housed all the glory and dignity of regimental headquarters. There was scarcely room to tune a banjo.

That was the state of affairs when there came the order for the Ringing of the Bells.

The Intelligence had it—Intelligence that was superior to that of Lieutenant Ryle—that the Boche would be im-

mensely annoyed if his railroad base behind the lines should be shot up a bit and his trains prevented from being reported so uniformly on time. Accordingly the Corps sent up something hefty in the way of ordnance to do the trick. The big idea was that the fire of all the divisional artillery would be turned on to cover the report of the heavy stuff and prevent the German sound rangers from learning anything. When the big gun was all set and ready to disrupt the Boche time-table, it was to be telephoned abroad mysteriously that the "Bells Were Ringing." Which was to say—Shoot!

It was quite a scheme, but on the day the signal was given and the "bells" rang, its limitations were discovered. All twenty-four guns of the 444th F. A. opened up valiantly and shortly afterward about four times as many over in Germany began to throw a few cans back, the Boche artillery apparently being unable to enter into the spirit of the thing and allow the "bells" to ring in peace. It was unfortunate but there was nothing to be done about it. Fire, according to orders, was to continue until especially commanded to cease by Division Headquarters.

The atmosphere everywhere grew quite unpleasant. The Infantry as is usual in such little exchanges of artillery amenities, were receiving a large share of the hardware. Over one of their remaining wires to the headquarters of the 444th F. A. came the request:

"Unless you're serious about all this, for the love of Mike cut it out!"

With this, the Colonel was well disposed to agree. He was of the opinion that the "bells" had run long enough, and as it later developed they had, for the big gun had fired one round and toppled over backwards.

Accordingly the Colonel telephoned Division Headquarters and, about to speak, called for the code book which then was the required mode of telephonic communication. One of the staff handed him the little white book entitled "Code Madelon."

"No, no!" the Colonel shouted. "Madelon was superseded two weeks ago. Get the up-to-date code."

Someone handed him Code Guy. The Colonel exploded. Guy was at least a month old and was suspected by the enemy, orders said. The Colonel tried to talk anyway, but the old Muskrat—for it was he (Cont. on page 17)



"Where in blazes is Oscar? Get it!" the Colonel roared

Ten Months of the Veterans Bureau

NAPOLÉON'S warmest admirer would scarcely call him a great humanitarian. His methods were hard and direct. Yet it was Napoleon who, at the very pinnacle of the glittering splendor of his power, and apparently alone of all the great captains of his day, paused to reflect with tender sympathy on the plight of the friendless and disabled ex-soldier. His heart was so touched that he commanded the publication of an edict granting such veterans the privilege of "soliciting alms on the highways" of France.

Such was the reward of the heroes of Austerlitz! But stay your irony. We should not be unjust to Napoleon. Let us consider the times and the manners. History is largely a continued story—of wars. There shine from its pages the names of illustrious chieftains; great leaders, great conquerors, liberators, invaders, defenders, crusaders, despots. But what of the faithful millions they led? What of those who returned wounded, worn-out and broken, unfit for further campaigning? History is silent on that point. *They* do not shine.

In a Mud Hut

Roman legionaries came home from the rim of the world only to find their farms appropriated by profiteering patricians who had stayed behind, and tilled by the slaves the legionaries had made captive. Homeless and hungry the legionary went to live as best he could in a mud hut outside Rome's walls, and the world knows what presently happened to Rome.

And so on up through the centuries we find the lot of the old soldier one of the most pitiable on the face of the earth—until the advent of the enlightened Napoleon with his license to solicit alms on the highways of France.

But, you contend, that was one hundred years and more ago. It may have been the mark of an "enlightened" mind then, but by our standards of 1922 it is shocking and disgraceful. One moment. There is nothing to do but reveal something of "our standard of 1922" and see how fares it with the heroes of the Argonne.

It is true, we may find Argonne men "soliciting alms on the highways" or selling pencils on the byways, but in all fairness, our great Government did not decree it. It has, however, authorized



Inexcusable Suffering, Insanity and Death Among Ex-Service Men, While Government Hospital Building Is Deliberately Delayed

By Marquis James

the stowing away of worn-out and broken ex-soldiers in state, county and municipal asylums which are maintained for those who are dependent on the public bounty. Legion representatives have rescued comrades from conditions of unspeakable filth and squalor in almshouses, poor farms, jails and lock-ups for the criminal insane, when the only crime committed in their con-

nection was the crime of negligence committed by the Government for which they had fought.

If we recoil at Bonaparte's benevolence, what is our attitude toward a Federal system which has sent thousands upon thousands of men to institutions which received two dollars a day to care for ex-service patients and spent only seventy cents; to institutions so overcrowded that men were bedded on the floors; to institutions so undermanned that there was only one doctor to 320 seriously afflicted patients; to institutions preyed upon by vendors of liquor and drugs—and worse; to institutions more likely to produce insanity than to cure it?

Expert Indictment

The foregoing relates to the care of neuro-psychiatric patients, to the methods of ministering to minds diseased. It discloses some particulars which may be cited supporting a sweeping and expert indictment by Dr. Thomas W. Salmon, chief psychiatrist of the A. E. F. and an international authority on mental disorders. Testifying before a Congressional committee he said:

I have studied the care of the insane in many States but I do not know today of any group of 5,000 men suffering from insanity who are so poorly cared for as the ex-soldiers of the United States Army. I do not mean by that that they are all equally badly cared for, but I know of no group of that size where men are allowed to remain in unsuitable places week after week and month after month because there is a divided authority on the part of those who are responsible for them.

The eternal question of "divided authority"! It always bobs up. We thought it was settled in August, 1921, by the creation of the Veterans Bureau for which the Legion fought so hard and so long. That was an occasion for rejoicing. The future of our disregarded heroes would be as bright as the past had been dark and disgraceful. The appalling scarcity and unfitness of hospital accommodations would come to a speedy end.

That jubilee is over. It had better never been, for it only forged another link in the long chain of disillusionment. The Bureau has wrought some improvement in conditions—and who could not?—but the basic evils have not been overcome. The Bureau has not

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Is a World-wide Legion Possible?

By David Loughnan

Former Editor of *The Veteran*, official publication of the Great War Veterans' Association of Canada

FOUR short years ago service men were fighting in the dark, dank forests of the Argonne; on the muddy plains of Flanders; atop the perilous peaks of the Italian border heights; beyond the Euphrates in the fever-ridden regions of Mesopotamia; over the trackless deserts of ancient Egypt; on the burning sands of the Holy Land; through the barren wastes of Siberia; in the unfathomed depths of the Seven Seas; overhead in combats of the upper aerial pathways; on the lonely expanse of world-wide ocean waters. Upon their courage and vigilance were centered the prayerful hopes of a world that longed for peace. Fifteen million dead were strewn upon the World War battlefields ere that peace was attained. And that was but a part of the ghastly price paid in blood, misery and devastation.

Today the living remnants of those scattered armies seek to perpetuate the peace so dearly won. This October representative American, British, French, Belgian, Italian, Roumanian, Serbian, and Czecho-Slovak veterans will gather at New Orleans at the time of the National Convention of The American Legion. Their mission will be to knit together the veterans of the inter-allied nations in the bonds of lasting peace. They will seek a way whereby the strength and power of war participants may be unified in upholding justice, in preventing future wars, in spreading good will among the nations of the earth. They will endeavor to establish a closer international relationship between their respective veteran organizations and the promotion of co-operative benefits and reciprocal assistance.

The Legion's Responsibility

The possibilities of such a conference are almost unlimited. Its ultimate issue cannot be predicted. But The American Legion, as sponsor of the movement, has a dual responsibility and opportunity that will assuredly call forth all that is finest and greatest in its leaders. For this gathering may come to a climax in the founding of a world-wide Legion of allied veterans.

The progress of amalgamated enterprise among veterans in various parts of the world has been apparent for some time. Europe has its Federation Interalliée des Anciens Combattants, popularly known as the "Fidac," with headquarters in Paris. This organization, under the presidency of M. Charles Bertrand, has shown an active interest in the promotion of world peace. It may well claim to be an international body, the first vice-president being Cabot Ward, of The American Legion, with Dudley Taylor, of the British Legion, as second vice-president. The

first convention of the Fidac was held in Paris last December. This year, on the initiative of The American Legion, their convention will be held in New Orleans concurrently with that of the Legion. The program of the Inter-allied Veterans' Federation embraces a wide field and covers proposed amendments in immigration laws, the creation of international credentials for veterans travelling in foreign countries, and watchful care over the soldiers' widows, orphans and dependents of the countries concerned. The Fidac proposes to make its voice heard and its strength felt in the diplomatic circles which engender wars but do not participate in them.

The history of the British Legion is one of development along similar lines. The conference held at Cape Town, South Africa, in February, 1921, (at the suggestion of the writer) culminated in the formation of the British Empire Service League. In addition to veteran bodies in South Africa and Rhodesia the following have unanimously accepted membership in the B. E. S. L.: Great Britain, the British Legion; Australia, the Returned Sailors' and Soldiers' Imperial League of Australia; Canada, the Great War Veterans' Association of Canada; New Zealand, the New Zealand Returned Soldiers' Association. India, Egypt, British East Africa, the Malay States and Ceylon are also forming branches of the British Empire Service League, and it is anticipated that within a short time there will be fifteen branches of the League in operation throughout the Empire.

This organ-

"If the organized ex-service men throughout the Entente will co-operate, they will themselves form a most admirable League of Peace."

ization represents approximately seven million ex-service men who played their part in the World War. It is presided over by Field Marshal Earl Haig, who has endeared himself to all British veterans by his decision to devote the remainder of his life to the cause of those who served under his command. A fine personality, in which an unaffected manner and the direct purpose of the trained soldier happily blend, combine to make him an outstanding figure in this great movement. It is worthy of note that the first official act of the B. E. S. L. took shape in a congratulatory endorsement of

President Harding's first proposal for a Limitation of Armaments Conference. This was transmitted to the President by Earl Haig on behalf of the seven million men who form the British Empire Service League. President Harding, in acknowledging this encouraging support, expressed his appreciation of the action.

1,800 Branches

The British Legion, of which Earl Haig is also president, numbers some 1,800 branches in Great Britain. It is an amalgamated body composed of the following previously existing organizations: The Comrades of the Great War, the National Federation of Discharged Soldiers and Sailors, the National Association of D. S. S. and the Officers' Association. The future hopes of the British Legion are founded upon its determination to "fight shams, to find work, to establish 'Remembrance Day,' to help the bereaved, to get concessions for the maimed, to form a League of Peace."

It believes that if the organized ex-service men throughout the Entente co-operate, they will themselves form a most admirable League of Peace. Earl Haig visualizes the function of the Legion as an organization of unity which has as its purpose "the per-



Field Marshal Earl Haig, President of the British Legion, who has announced that he will devote the rest of his life to the interests of the men who fought under his command in the World War

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Give the Youngsters a Chance



CONGRESS admitted California to the Union September 9, 1850, and the new State declared its birthday forever after a legal holiday, called Admission Day.

On that anniversary the sport-loving population of California gives over the greater part of the occasion to recreation—double-headers at the baseball parks, championship boxing contests, track and field sports, aquatic sports, tennis, golf, soccer, football, all the pastimes recorded in the pink and green sporting sheets.

Following out this Admission Day custom of 72 years, The American Legion, which is taking a leading part in state athletics from boxing to quoits, will make the day this year a big one in sports. On that day will be decided the Legion baseball championship and the eight-man mile relay race at the annual department convention in San Jose, capital of the Santa Clara Valley, the greatest prune-growing district in the world.

But the Legion is concerned with something other than the prune harvest. It is ploughing the ground and planting the seed to assist the growth of an equally notable California crop—star athletes. No mistake about it, California gives the world an annual crop of athletes who poke their way through the record-book soil just as surely as the pink prune blossoms burst from their buds in spring.

Some Reasons for Athletes

The reasons for this crop of athletes, I believe, are climate, a factor which enables the inhabitants to play outdoors the greater part of the year; an inexpensive and excellent food supply of fruits and vegetables; an inheritance of a love of sport from the pioneers who arrived following the discovery of gold in 1848; isolation from the East, making for independence in athletic affairs and providing a guard against the fads and frills of the moment in athletics; and a grand democracy in sports.

This last cause I will enlarge upon,

Your Post May Be the Means of Developing a Great Olympic Champion Out of a Mediocre Sand-Lot Performer

By Harry Maloney

Chairman, Legion State Athletic Committee,
Department of California

because I think other Legion posts can learn a lesson from California in giving every child a chance to play by providing adequate playgrounds and athletic equipment. The city of San Francisco has built hundreds of free tennis courts in Golden Gate Park so that boys and girls may have a chance to learn the game. The result is that these courts have turned out champions like Johnston and McLoughlin.

The results of a wholesome democracy in sports are further illustrated by the town of Healdsburg—population, 1920, 2,412—in the northern California hop-raising district. This town has given the world two Olympic games champions and record holders within five years: Ralph Rose, weight thrower, who tossed the 16-pound shot 51 feet in 1909, and Eddie Beeson, who cleared the bar in the running high jump at 6 feet 7 $\frac{1}{8}$ inches in 1914. (Didn't I say this was in the hop-raising district?)

Besides these two champions, Healdsburg has turned out an army of near-record holders. The answer is, democracy in sports. Healdsburg gives every boy in town a chance to play. This little city has laid out a track and field in the town square accessible to all who care to exercise.

I have spoken in some detail on democracy in sports because the Legion in California has taken a stand for that

principle. Remember, Legionnaires, that to turn out champions you must take advantage of the law of averages—the more athletes who compete the greater the likelihood of unearthing a record-breaker.

Give all the kids in your town a chance. Lay out space for track and field sports, a baseball diamond, a swimming pool or a playground in some back lot or park area now going to waste. Fight against the selfish, exclusive beaches and tennis courts, privately owned and soaking the public two dollars per swim and fifty cents for a half hour of tennis. Build a swimming pool or a tennis court as a memorial and invite the kids in town to use it.

Then let nature take its course. Just as surely as the Golden Gate Park courts in San Francisco turned out a McLoughlin and the Healdsburg lots a Ralph Rose, so may your community be rewarded by giving the world a star athlete. Tennis champions, .400 hitters, and swimming marvels don't seem to care what small town they pick out for a birthplace. All you have to do is provide the playgrounds and then sit back and wait.

Where Champions Come From

Some quiet little youngster will use the pool, or the track, or the baseball diamond—a kid with all the latent requisites of a champion, the steel muscles, the poise, the concentration, the courage, the heart that goes with athletic achievement, and lo! some morning you will wake up and discover that you are living next door to a record-breaker. My, my, who'd ever think that boy would break a record? Why, we knew him when he used to deliver groceries for old man Schmitz!

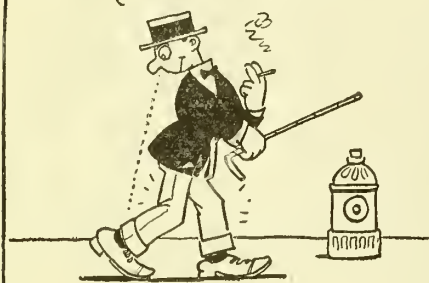
All right, give that quiet little youngster his chance. Build the athletic fields so that he can develop. Even if you don't produce a champion, you are at least building up the youth of your town which is the main thing anyhow. Construct swimming pools and the kids

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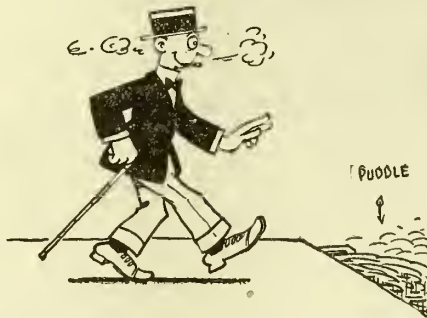
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By Wallgren

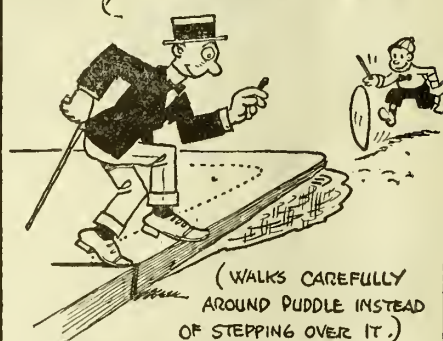
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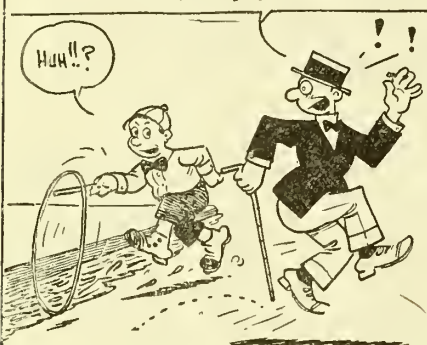
I'LL MAKE THE REST OF THEM DUDES
AT THE POST PICNIC LOOK LIKE PIKERS !



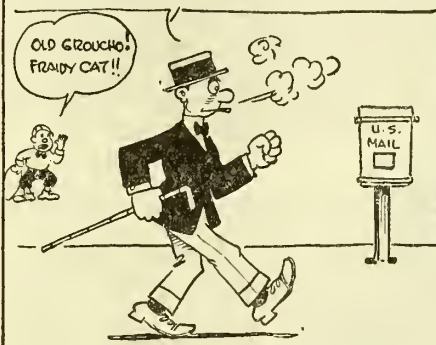
WAIT 'TIL MY SWEETIE SEES ME -
GOSH! LOOKIT THAT PUDDLE - I GOTTA BE
CAREFUL - CAN'T TAKE ANY CHANCES!



SAY - YOU LITTLE RASCAL, DO YOU KNOW YOU
NEARLY SPLASHED MUD ON ME !!?



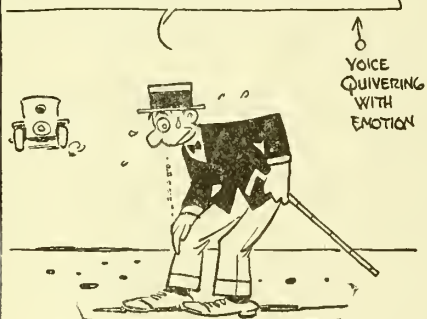
- KIDS OUGHTN'T TO BE ALLOWED TO PLAY
IN THE STREET - THEY'RE DESTRUCTIVE !



EEK!! HEY!!



IT'S A GOOD THING THAT FOOL DIDN'T SPLASH
ME - I'D A - I'D A - UH - SUED HIM !!

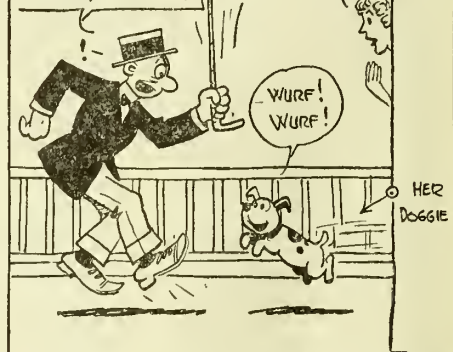


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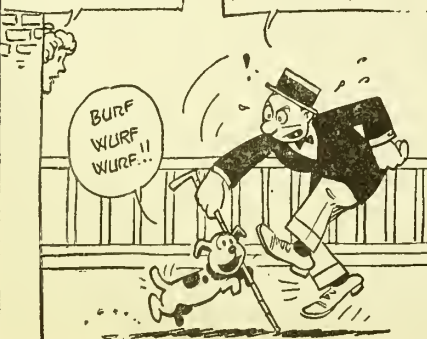


HERE!! KEEP AWAY FROM
ME, TOODLES!! KEEP
AWAY, I SAY !!!



I'M SURPRIZED!!
I THOUGHT YOU LIKED
MY TOODLES !!?

KEEP AWAY, I SAY -
DO YOU WANT TO GET
ME ALL DIRTY? SCOW!!

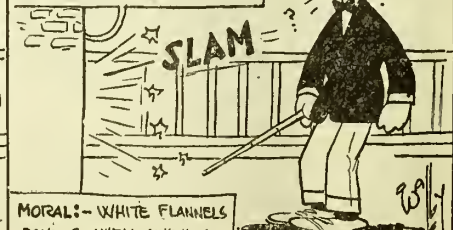


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LET THE NASTY OLD CRAB
GO TO THE PICNIC ALL
BY HIMSELF - WE MIGHT
MUSS HIS PRETTY
CLOTHES ALL UP!!

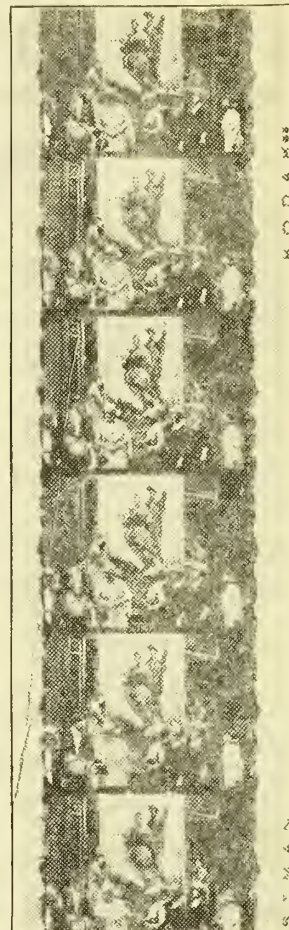
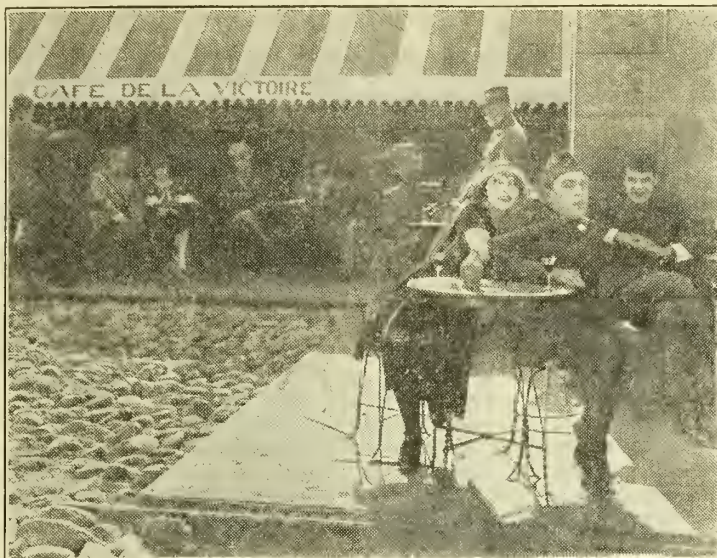
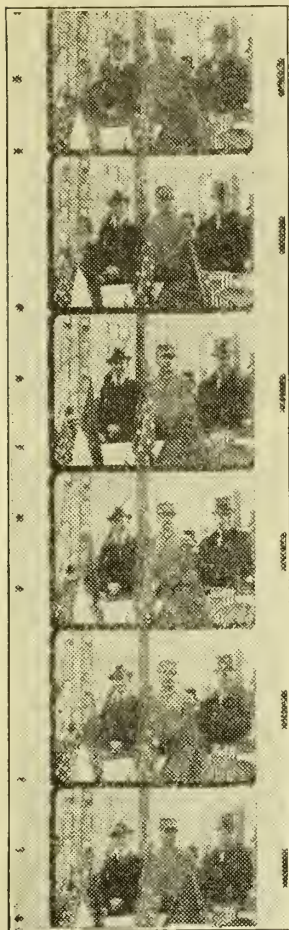


BUT, MY DEAR - CAN'T
YOU SEE I'VE GOT MY
WHITE FLANNELS AND
SHOES ON ?!!

YES, I SEE - AND THEY'RE
FINE THINGS TO WEAR TO A
PICNIC IF YOU'VE GOT TO BE
SO FUSSY ABOUT GETTING
A LITTLE DIRT ON THEM -
WHERE DOES THE FUN COME
IN ?? - GOOD BYE !!!



MORAL:- WHITE FLANNELS
DON'T GO WELL WITH A
NERVOUS DISPOSITION.



Members of Hollywood (California) Post turned movie actors (which a lot of them are anyway) to make the Christie comedy, "O Promise Me," a success. This French buvette scene shows them lending the screen a little accurate local color. At left, National Commander MacNider, Marshal Foch and Governor McCray of Indiana, at Indianapolis. At right, members of the Auxiliary Executive Committee viewing the painting "America," the gift of the French Ministry of War to the Legion. These two films are now included in American Legion Film Service releases

Crank, Crank, Crank, the Reel's A-Winding

The Legion Adds Several Miles of Celluloid Strip to Its Machinery for Broadcasting the Message of the Veteran

OUR hero strode up the duckboards, his teeth gritted together in determination. They were nice new duckboards, and the trench itself was all that a soldier or the most comfort-loving travelling salesman could ask. It was carefully banked with sandbags—hundreds of them, in beautifully arranged piles, and was so conveniently deep that not even a normal giraffe walking post therein would have furnished a target for a sniper.

There was no mud in the trench. Perhaps that was why our hero wore bright and shining russets instead of the conventional hobnails. Moreover, his shirt was unbuttoned with the collar turned back, producing a charming decolleté effect, and he carried his gas mask with the flap out, apparently so that it would not scratch his naked chest.

Nice, Lavender Bursts

Two shells burst over the trench in a spurt of lavender and cerise flame. No sooner had their fragments settled than our hero vaulted the parapet and dropped into a shell-hole conveniently equipped with a telephone and, presumably, running hot and cold water. He seized the telephone with so collected an air that you half expected him to say, "Ice water to four thirteen,

please." Instead he said, "Troops evacuating Hill 962 replacing sector at right."

How, you ask, did he know what the dickens was going on over on Hill 962, and how far can a doughboy observer huddled in a shell-hole command the surrounding smoke-filled scenery? Why bother to have a division message center or an intelligence section when one lone private and a telephone can cover the activities of a whole sector?

To get the correct answers to these questions and any others that may have occurred to you, inquire of some of the producers of our American war movies.

Better yet, says The American Legion, laugh these ridiculous distortions of war and the men who make it clean off the screen, and get the producers to show in their stead pictures in which the war element, be it ten feet or ten thousand, is at least technically accurate.

That is one of the objectives of The American Legion Film Service, now functioning as a part of the Publicity Division of National Headquarters. But it is a long way from being the Film Service's only objective. It has a greater one, one that includes all the others: To make the motion picture a dominant medium for the dissemination of the Legion's message to America, a source of entertainment to Legion

and Auxiliary members and their communities, and a revenue producer for posts and units.

Taken on the Spot

For instance, there is the film called "Flashes of Action." No question about this being a veracious war movie. No question about the mud in it being real mud à la Française; no question about the barbed-wire being equipped with the latest 1918 model Boche trouser-rippers; no question about the wounded having been hit with something more deadly than face paint. For "Flashes of Action" is an official government record of America's part in the war, taken on the spot by Signal Corps photographers—not the whole of the war, naturally, but typical scenes aimed to give the beholder a true idea of what the thing was like.

"Flashes of Action" hung around the War Department for two or three years following the end of hostilities, and was occasionally exploited by promoters who showed it over the country, often before Legion posts or at a Legion-conducted public performance. Naturally these promoters cut in for a big share of the gate receipts. This was honest enough, and good business as far as the promoters were concerned.

"But why," asked The American Legion (Continued on page 24)

EDITORIAL



"We Who Are About to Die—"

IN southern Wisconsin there is a Legion post which includes in its membership every eligible veteran in its community. Yet in two or three years that post will be out of existence.

The business is not so mysterious or distressing as it sounds. The post is Nashotah Theological Seminary Post, and on its roster is the name of every veteran in the seminary—and more than two-thirds of the present school enrollment saw service. For two years it has gone about doing good, throwing its beams beyond the little circle of the seminary walls, justifying its right to live by holding true to the Legion creed of service. Yet a while longer, and there will come to Nashotah young men who know not Pershing (or at least who never knew him as their C-in-C.); the last veteran will take his diploma and mount an Episcopal pulpit, and Nashotah Post will be no more.

There is no particular moral to be drawn from this—we are presenting the picture here only because it is pleasantly sentimental without being lugubrious, delicately sad without calling for weeping and wailing. Yet you can have a moral if you want it. It is this: Exactly as too much of a good thing is plenty, so a little of a good thing is better than none of it. If the world were going to crash to an end tomorrow, that would be no argument for stopping the organization of new Legion posts. The men of Nashotah knew their little seminary world would come to an end in a few years, but they went right ahead and organized their post. And as they leave the registers for the outer world, they will take the Legion with them, spreading its message wherever they go.

Nashotah Post and the scores of similar posts like it will not really go out of existence as a new generation of youths enters college and seminary halls. Such posts may cease to be so far as cold-blooded weeping is concerned, but they will go right on living in the hearts of the Legion and of America.

Is There a Veteran Fan in Your Town?

THE war made America a nation of coupon-clippers. Millions of citizens who in 1916 could not have told the difference between a bond and a chewing-gum wrapper became holders of the world's safest securities. With some of them the lesson stuck—they are still saving money with the idea that the savings bank shall not be the final goal of it, but only a point of accumulation for an amount sufficient to invest in a security that offers a somewhat larger interest return with as great an element of safety. And there are others with whom the lesson did not stick. They dumped their Liberty Bonds on the market, usually at a heavy discount, and succumbed to the shady promoter who laughed at Uncle Sam's interest rates while he pointed to financial oases that proved to be shabby mirages.

Just such a double-edged reaction has occurred in popular sentiment as in popular finance. The war fired America with a patriotic devotion that was especially in evidence toward the man who most practically exemplified that devotion—the man who was going into the war. Four years afterward, there are Americans who have little use for the service man—just as there are Americans who had little use for Uncle Sam's niggardly four-and-a-quarter percent loans. And there are, too, Americans who still have unbounded faith in the man who was willing to fight.

Probably every town has at least one such citizen. He is a loyal friend of the local Legion post, takes real pride in the fact that the town has a Legion post, gets mightily behind every Legion endeavor, whether it be unemployment, help for the disabled, or a new swimming pool for the children. He

is a friend worth having. He did not sell his faith in the service man when the moral slump following the Armistice forced that faith far below par. He hung on—and he is reaping his dividends in the regard in which the Legion holds him.

The Patient Patriot

THE man who fought for his country has a background of patriotism that is denied all others. He learned reverence for his nation's flag in the hard school of discipline and the harder school of danger. Disregard for the flag inspires his quick resentment. Disrespect for the flag further arouses him.

But too often he confuses disregard, which is born of ignorance, for disrespect, which is a rare affliction. The recent Kansas Department Convention of the United Spanish War Veterans (a convention, incidentally, which endorsed the Adjusted Compensation Bill) voted to prepare a pamphlet for distribution among members—

To the end that when they see the flag improperly used or displayed they can, with kindness and patience, call attention of the transgressor to his error, and assist in correcting it.

"Kindness and patience"—two vital factors in the promotion of Americanism. The man who lacks respect for our Government generally is not likely to betray his attitude in public. The man who publicly disregards the honors to which the colors are entitled generally is only ignorant. At the very worst, his faults can better be cured by education than by violence.

A Questionable Appointment

IS a man who was a German citizen all through the war, a man who has been a citizen of the United States for barely three months, a logical selection for any appointive diplomatic office at the disposal of our Government?

Bird-McGinnis Post of the Legion, of Marion, Ohio, declares unequivocally that he is not, and has expressed its disapproval in a resolution. The individual around whom the storm centers is Helmut Max Alfred William Mathee, recently appointed by the Federal Civil Service Commission to be assistant consular agent at Zurich, Switzerland.

It is a case where circumstances count for more than the man. As an alien Mr. Mathee may have conducted himself with due propriety during hectic days that called for more personal diplomacy than an ambassador has to bring into action in any normal ten years. As an alien, also, he may have looked forward to his final emancipation into full American citizenship with a truer appreciation of all its benefits and responsibilities than the native-born citizen can ever hope to enjoy.

But all this does not alter the fact that it is poor policy to have America represented anywhere by an American of only three months' standing, particularly when a short time ago this representative was technically an enemy. If our civil service regulations permit appointments of this sort, they should be speedily altered.

Non-Veterandom Shows Interest

A CITIZENS' committee has been formed in the East for the avowed purpose of furthering the promotion of citizens' organizations throughout the country to gain public interest and action in behalf of the disabled. Several readers of the Weekly who have read of the movement in the newspapers have written to sound a note of alarm. Their fear is for a recurrence of the effort made a year or two ago by a heavily-financed citizens' organization in which the cause of the disabled man was used as a cloak for an extensive campaign against adjusted compensation. The effort failed ignominiously and since then the anti-compensationists have been chary about hiding behind the blood-stained O.D. shirt.

The new organization, however, hardly merits suspicion. Its national committee numbers several eminent men, including Legion members. Assuming that the local organizations to be formed in various cities will work on the high plane outlined, the Legion, rather than suspect a plot, should welcome this new ally into the field.

THE VOICE OF THE LEGION

The Editors disclaim responsibility for statements made in this department. Because of space demands, letters are subject to abridgement.

A Life Membership Plan

To the Editor: I am endeavoring to work out a plan of life membership along these lines: One hundred dollars returnable to estate at death, this to be paid by the life member in a lump sum or over a period of three years; if the latter, dues must be kept up in addition until the principal is paid. The investment of this sum will keep a member in good standing, and if he moves to another post the home post will be liable for his dues up to \$4 a year.—JOSHUA W. CLARKE, M.D., Attleboro, Mass.

Steel Workers' Bonuses

To the Editor: At this time when the question of payment of adjusted compensation for ex-service men is before Congress, it is edifying to read the following Associated Press dispatch, bearing in mind that Chief Justice Taft is one of those who have expressed themselves against paying compensation to ex-service men:

Washington, D. C., June 2.—The Government was declared by Chief Justice Taft, in testifying today before the House Claims Committee, to be obliged to pay war claims of the Bethlehem Steel Company workers amounting to more than \$1,000,000. The Chief Justice, who was joint chairman of the War Labor Board under the award of which the claim is made, said the question to be determined in his opinion was how many and what workers were entitled to payment. The claims arose out of the refusal of the company to pay bonuses on Government work, as ordered by the War Labor Board.

If those who worked get their bonuses even at this late date, what of the payment of a just debt to those who fought?—V. W. YOST, Chicago, Ill.

A Bull Market

To the Editor: The following is an extract from the Trenton Evening Times: "Dempsey, it has been said, has been offered \$490,000 to fight in France. The best previous offer was \$30 a month." I thought some other members of the Legion might be interested to know what current rates are.—H. COLLIN MINTON, JR., Elkins Oliphant Post, Trenton, N. J.

One for All, All for One

To the Editor: There should be just one great organization of American ex-service men. But what of ex-service men today? Instead of being "one for all, and all for one," they are drawing lines among themselves. Why and what for? We should have just one great and mighty organization, financially independent, able to throw the full force of our united strength into helping our disabled comrades.

Today we have several organizations of different kinds, spending money for conventions, traveling expenses, delegates, meeting halls, banners and what not. Surely we are not taking full advantage of our opportunities or meeting our duty fully. United we stand and are efficient. Why should lines be drawn on length of service and on whether that service was performed here or overseas?

In my opinion every man who wore the uniform of our country during the war anywhere is a friend of mine, and that whether he was in service two months or two years. All were ready to go wherever duty called them. Had the war lasted the two million men who were in the camps here at the time of the Armistice would have joined

those of us who were in France. How foolish to make petty distinctions now, four years after the war!

I was in the game from May, 1917, until the finish, and I was in the big show also until the day I was carried in an overcoat to the dressing station. That was in the Argonne. I have been a member of three different organizations since my discharge, but henceforth I am resolved to be a member of only one.—J. H. ZEGENDER, ex-145th Inf., 37th Div., Tacoma, Wash.

A Draft for Everybody

To the Editor: I attended a military funeral recently and heard a suggestion for a twentieth amendment to the Constitution of the United States. It covered the following points:

In case a state of war exists between the United States and any other nation, every man and woman over the age of eighteen shall be drafted, excepting those

The Main Object

The American Legion was formed to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America and its main object shall always be to see that this country stays the way we fought that it should stay—AMERICAN.

HANFORD MACNIDER.

who are in asylums and penitentiaries or bedfast in sickness.

That every business of production (such as factories and farming, etc.), and every retail business shall be drafted.

That all means of transportation such as railroads, motor cars, etc., shall be drafted.

That all live stock shall be drafted.

And the United States at the end of the war shall pay each and every one in proportion to the contribution made or damages suffered or else pay nothing to anybody.—LEGIONNAIRE, La Plata, Mo.

Total Disability Ratings

To the Editor: I was glad to read the editorial stating that the Legion is pushing the fight to obtain total permanent disability ratings for tubercular patients who have suffered long, and is trying to have Treasury Regulation 57 restored. To those of us who have held on to our government insurance it seems that the Government intends to wait until we are carted away before we can be rated "permanently and totally disabled."

I know of several ex-service men who have been rated "temporary total" for more than two years and I know of one man who has been so rated for three years. One case in particular I know of, a man who on his \$100 a month manages somehow to support his wife and five children, the oldest being 15. He had been in hospital

and had come out believing himself cured, but he broke down very soon and had to go back.

The Government readily recognizes the necessity of paying from \$145 to \$160 a month for living expenses to ex-service men being rehabilitated in vocational training if they have large families, but the temporary totally disabled man has to lie flat on his back and worry about financial matters even though he carries Government insurance that should, but does not, take care of him.—T. L. B., San Antonio, Tex.

When the Covington Sank

To the Editor: This is in reply to a letter in a recent issue inquiring about the loss of the transports *Lincoln* and *Covington*, written by a sailor on the U. S. S. *Ryndam* who witnessed the sinking of the two ships. I quote from my diary:

"July 2, 1918—9.31 p.m. Shaken out of my bunk by U. S. S. *Smith* (destroyer) dropping ash-cans on our port beam, distance 200 yards. Was behind my guns in nothing flat. Fritz broke between us and *Covington* 800 yards to port of us. His first one missed the *Washington* and the second took the *Covington* on her starboard beam under No. 2 stack. Great cloud of steam, coal and water went skyward. Her guns began to work, also those of the *Washington* and the *De Kalb*. We could not fire on account of low visibility, no target in sight and danger of hitting other ships in convoy. Meanwhile the *Washington* and the *De Kalb* were lobbing beaucoup five-inchers over our fore'sle. *Covington* dropped back and destroyers stood by. We were making 18 knots and the guns were still working and *Covey* showed hull down astern of us.

"July 3.—*Covington* sank at 3.50 p.m., 90 miles from Brest and half in from where she was hit. Six dead. U. S. S. *President Lincoln*, eight hours behind us, torpedoed and sunk in 18 minutes. Sub took two prisoners."

I refer you to the Navy Department report of vessels lost and damaged which appeared in the *Convoy*, the magazine of the transports.—C. H. BROWN, ex-G. M. 1 cl., U. S. S. *Wilhelmina*, Peoria, Ill.

Taxless Clubhouses

To the Editor: You ask, "What do you think should be done to make the Legion better?" Well, my friend, since our post—Greenpoint Post—is about to move into its own building, I am thinking that it would be a big help to all Legion posts to have such running expenses as taxes, light, etc., eliminated. Surely our legislators could render no better service than to put through legislation of this kind. Legion posts are under heavy expenses in their humanitarian work, and wouldn't it be good brotherly spirit if these public servants went fifty-fifty?—EDMUND F. HERR, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Assisting the Law

To the Editor: In a recent number I noticed that the Winnetka (Ill.) Post has undertaken a good work in assisting the regular officers of the law. If this example is generally followed, it will be the best thing that ever happened, and the question "What do you think the Legion should do to make this a better country?" will be answered.

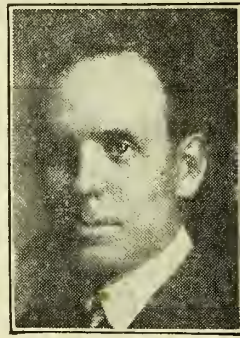
Respect for the law is the very foundation of social well-being and there can be no respect for laws that are not vigorously enforced—yes, and impartially enforced. Let all of us true Americans do our bit to help the good work along.—B. H. WILLIAMS, Inglewood, Calif.



Kass, 110

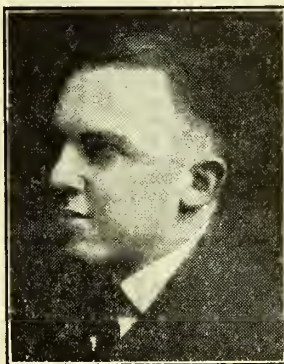
\$1,385 in Prizes for Member Getters

Are Kass, Coffey and Hays S. O. L.?



Coffey, 146

Charles D. Coffey, ex-buck, and Harry D. Hays, ex-looey, have been running a membership contest of their own this year for the greater glory of Victor Ellig Post of Fort Smith, Arkansas. Latest reports showed Coffey leading with 146 new members to 115 for Hays. And in Detroit John Kass of Charles A. Learned Post had 110 new Legionnaires to his credit a few days ago, and was offering a box of cigars to any Learner who sold a hundred memberships before he, Kass, had completed his second hundred.



Hays, 115

But—all this happened before the Weekly's \$1,385 prize membership contest was announced. That contest opened on July 1st and will close midnight of August 31st. Coffey, Kass and Hays, with their recorded combined total of 371 new members, can't enter these figures in the membership contest.

Are they out of luck—or with all that practice are they all the more likely to keep up the fine work and come through for some of the money? And, Mr. Legionnaire, what about you?

The American Legion Weekly offers \$1,385 in cash prizes to the eight members of The American Legion and the five members of The American Legion Auxiliary who, between July 1st and August 31st (both dates inclusive), enroll the largest number of new members in The American Legion.

The rules of the contest are as follows:

Only members actually enrolled in The American Legion between midnight of June 30, 1922, and midnight of August 31, 1922, will count in the contest.

Any member of the Legion or of the Auxiliary is eligible to compete for the membership prizes, including new members as soon as enrolled, with these exceptions: Post commanders and adjutants, unit presidents and secretaries, department or state and national officials and members of the staffs of National Headquarters of The American Legion (including the employees of The American Legion Weekly) and of The American Legion Auxiliary.

Contestants will not enroll formally—they will simply set out to get members. They will turn the names of new members in to the commander or the adjutant of the post in which the new members are enrolled. Both the commander and the adjutant of the post must certify to each list of new members, crediting them to the proper contestant, and then forward the list and the department record cards, with the usual remittance, to department headquarters. No new members will be credited unless the remittance accompanies the department record card

forwarded by the post to department headquarters. Department headquarters will then forward to the Weekly the names of contestants, together with the certified lists of new members credited to individual contestants. Records of contestants for the entire Legion and Auxiliary will be kept at the Weekly office. Names should be turned in to posts by contestants, and to department headquarters by posts, as promptly as possible.

Contestants may enroll members any-

where, but must turn in the names and remittances of new members to the post to which the members are assigned.

Contestants from the Auxiliary should bear in mind the fact that the aim of the contest is to enroll new Legion members, not Auxiliary members, though an increase in Auxiliary membership is inevitable as a result of the contest. Auxiliary contestants will turn the names and dues of new members in to an official of the post, not of the Auxiliary unit, and the post

commander and the post adjutant must both certify to these lists, as in the case of Legion contestants. The post will then proceed as in the case of names turned in by Legion contestants, forwarding the names to Legion department headquarters.

Contestants may enroll as new members former members of the Legion who have permitted their membership to lapse.

In case of a tie, the full amount of any prize will be awarded to every person affected by the tie.

Membership contests are planned or are already under way in many departments, the prizes offered being in most instances free trips to the New Orleans Convention. The Weekly membership prize contest is wholly independent of these other contests, but the local contests furnish a splendid added incentive to individual Legion membership effort.

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

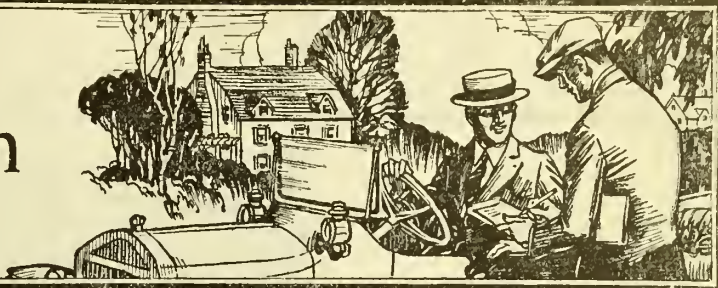
To the Legion member getting

The largest number of new members	\$500
The second largest number of new members	250
The third largest number of new members	100
The fourth largest number of new members	50
The fifth largest number of new members	40
The sixth largest number of new members	30
The seventh largest number of new members	20
The eighth largest number of new members	10

To the Auxiliary member getting

The largest number of new Legion members	\$200
The second largest number of new Legion members	100
The third largest number of new Legion members	50
The fourth largest number of new Legion members	25
The fifth largest number of new Legion members	10

Keeping Step With the Legion and the Auxiliary



How to Serve America

IF you don't think The American Legion National Essay Contest is going over, you ought to look at some of the enthusiastic letters being received by the National Americanism Commission. We're quoting part of one, just as an example. It comes from Oscar J. Lane, Superintendent of Schools in Douglas County, Kansas:

I assure you that I am glad to have the opportunity to serve you and shall take measures at once to get the proposition before the boys and girls of this county between the ages of twelve and eighteen. I hope to secure a generous response to the subject and wish to thank you and your National Commander for making this contest possible.

As we said, that letter was just a sample. It was not the most enthusiastic of all the letters received, nor was it the least. It goes to show that superintendents of schools in this country recognize the essay contest as a splendid factor of Americanism. Nor do superintendents of schools run ahead of Legionnaires in enthusiasm. Of course, they couldn't. James E. Kinkead, State Americanism Chairman in Missouri, has shown his liking for the program by arranging to broadcast news of the contest from St. Louis and Kansas City by radio.

Orators All

GENERALLY we're a good listener. This week, we're drafted to be an orator. We're going to deliver a speech. Our subject is "The American Legion National Speakers' Bureau."

Unaccustomed as we are to speaking in public, it was a great shock to our finer susceptibilities to be drafted for a lecture on the Speakers' Bureau. However, who could not speak in such a cause? (Get that rhetorical question? That's the first thing you learn when you make speeches.) But seriously, gentlemen, (another fine touch, if we do say it ourself) the Speakers' Bureau is worth your attention.

That ends our speech. Here's what we'd have gone on to say if we hadn't run out of wind. The Legion now has a list of public speakers so big that its information service sheet is being run off at the rate of sixteen thousand copies monthly, distributed to Legion speakers and post officers. Reports at National Headquarters show an audience of more than a million a month for every thousand speakers on the mailing list. But the First Army of Legion speakers is still open to recruits. This Army, at full strength,

will carry the Legion over the top in every town and township in the country. The Bureau is broadcasting Legion facts and reports of Legion endeavors all over the United States.

The Bureau believes, and we agree,

Legion Calendar Membership Contest

Membership Day is never over for the Legion. The *Big One*, July 1st, zoomed by and carried off a crowd of new members, but there are still more. Remember, the \$1,385 prize contest runs until August 31st. See the rules on the opposite page.

Essay Contest

Every school boy and girl in your town, between the ages of twelve and eighteen, should be writing an essay on "How The American Legion Can Best Serve the Nation." Your post Americanism officer should have the essays in his hands by August 1st.

Service Census

Over in some States, under way in others, starting elsewhere. Carry the Legion to every ex-service man in the country. This census is for service to others, but we will not suffer by our unselfishness.

Summer Activities

Have you arranged a water meet yet? A track meet? How does your post's team stand in its baseball league? Will your department be represented at the big national Legion athletic championship games at New Orleans in October?

Department Conventions

They're being held everywhere. Delegates are being elected, and Legion policies are being formulated. Take your post's hobby before your department convention. It may become a national hobby of the Legion.

Trip to France

The unofficial 1922 Legion visit to Europe is getting up steam. If you're interested, write the Tour Editor, American Legion Weekly, 627 West 43d Street, New York City.

that the spoken word is the greatest asset of any cause. Every post has one man at least who can and will talk for the Legion. The National Speakers' Bureau, National Headquarters, American Legion, Indianapolis, will be glad to put your post on its growing mailing list.

After the Other Editors

WE hate to toot our own horn, but the Weekly just now is carrying a heavy load of material on the disabled situation. You've read the articles, of course. We wouldn't brag, but already we have letters from half a dozen posts asking about using copies of the stories for local publicity, which in each case was all right with the Weekly. The News Service already had anticipated those queries, and has sent out quite a batch of publicity based on the series. If you want your local editor to reprint them, and quite likely he will want to, you can get material from the News Service, at National Headquarters, Indianapolis, Indiana, or from the magazine itself. One of the posts that inquired of us ventured the opinion that the series was particularly enlightening, because it shows that the Legion is after fair play for the disabled. The writer said his post didn't particularly need advertising—it conducted a daily column in an evening paper—but it did want to put the facts on the disabled situation up to the public.

Still Tooting

WHILE we're talking about the Weekly we might as well call attention to another recent stunt. It was in connection with La Société des 40 Hommes and Huit Hawsses. About two months ago the Weekly carried an article about the 40-8. Two weeks after it appeared, Correspondant National H. E. MacDonald had received over one hundred inquiries about La Société, and they've been coming in since at the rate of about ten a week. The Correspondant National is pleased with us, and says he'll be more pleased if we just use the address again, for any delinquents that missed him first time. We've given his name; his address is 325 Yesler Way, Seattle, Wash.

He's for It

A FEW weeks ago the National Commander qualified for this department with a trio of suggestions among which was this: "A National Legion home for incapacitated Legionnaires and children of Legionnaires. A quarter apiece (\$250,000) or a dime (\$100,000) would build and maintain a magnificent unit which could be added to as necessity dictates. Is it a good idea or not?"

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BURSTS AND DUDS

Payment is made for original material suitable for this department. Unavailable manuscript will be returned only when accompanied by stamped, self-addressed envelope

C'Est Ca!

This Yank had not been many vin rouges in Sunny France when one day, in a café, mademoiselle forgot to give him a fork.

For a while it looked as if he would have to negotiate the meal without it, since he did not have the slightest idea of what to ask for. Suddenly a happy thought struck him. Waving his knife triumphantly before her, he exclaimed:

"Kamerad!"

Correct

"Tommy," asked the teacher, "what can you tell me of America's foreign relations at the present time?"

"They're all broke," answered the brightest boy in the class.

As It Seemed

It was down in Louisiana and hot. The outfit, certain for many weary months to be the very next to go over, finally landed on a stretch of wilderness out from Camp Beauregard, fated to become an artillery range. For three weeks picks and shovels had been the implements de guerre and digging the order of the day.

He was a diminutive recruit and nothing of him showed above the top of the pit from which sweat and dirt were flying.

"Join the Army and see the earth," he paraphrased a popular slogan, and added with justifiable sarcasm, "a shovelful at a time."

Value Received

When the average man goes to see a dentist it is not usually for the sake of mere sociability.

"Did that man complain when you charged him for a broken appointment?" asked a friend of one tooth-yanker—oh, yes, dentists do have friends.

"No," replied the latter. "He said breaking an appointment with me is worth every cent it costs."

Almost Marketable

"I tested that dozen eggs you sold me and only five were bad," said the grocer sarcastically.

"Well," yawned the wise old farmer, coming back with just as much sarcasm, "all ye had to do was add a couple more bad ones and sell 'em for 'strictly fresh.'"

Absent-Minded Prof. Joke, No. 28,676

"Where is the car?" demanded Mrs. Diggs.

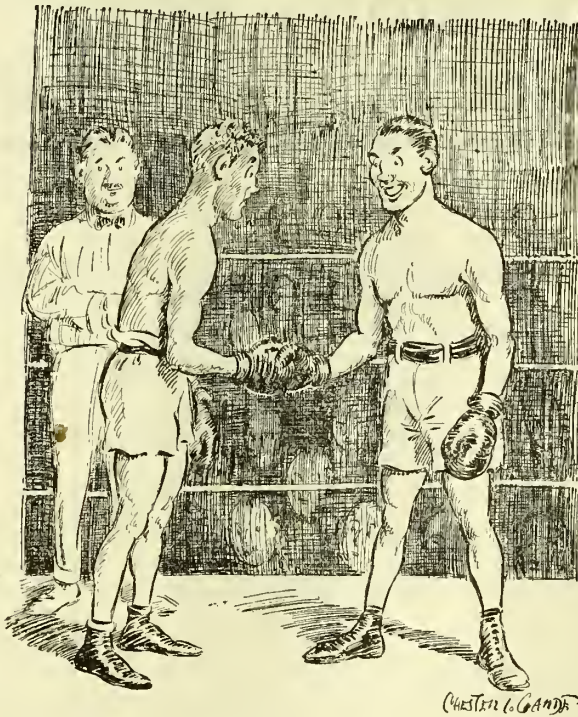
"Dear me!" ejaculated Professor Diggs. "Did I take the car out?"

"You certainly did. You drove it to town."

"How odd! I remember now that after I got out I turned around to thank the gentleman who gave me the lift and wondered where he had gone."

Wow!

It was their first night off the ship in France so the three gobs cannot be blamed too much if they were a bit unsteady on their pins. They were discussing one of their members who had been obliged to retire from the scene of action.



"Pleased to meet yuh—pardon my glove!"

"Wh-what happened to him?" asked one.

"We put him 'board—put him 'board the ship," replied the leader.

"Wash he—wash he 'tossicated?"

"Tossicated? Wash he? My goo'ness! It took all of ush to get hish hat into the boat!"

Right and Wrong

"There are two sides to every question," proclaimed the sage.

"Yes," said the fool, "and there are two sides to a sheet of flypaper, but it makes a mighty big difference to the fly which side he chooses."

Six and Half a Dozen

In a land where the only wells are artesian, the middle of America's most arid belt, an Eastern traveler once met a farmer hauling a wagon load of water.

"Where do you get the water?" asked the tourist.

"Up the road 'bout seven miles."

"What! You haul water seven miles for your family and stock?"

"Yup."

"Why in the name of common sense don't you dig a well?"

"Heck!" snorted the farmer. "What's the use? It's just as fur one way as 'tis 'tother."

Attention, Mr. Wells!

Grandpoo: "When I was a boy, history was my favorite study."

Grandson: "Gosh! I didn't suppose there was any history then."

Exit the Speedometer

The city motorist was indignant.

"How do you know if I was exceeding the speed limit when you haven't a watch or anything?" he demanded.

"Wal, ye seen that yeller dog a-chasin' ye, didn't ye?" inquired Constable Slack-putter amicably. "When that dog can't keep up with a feller, the feller's a-goin' more'n thutty miles an hour."

The Simple Reason

"Why are we so late?" asked a passenger of a train conductor in the South-west.

"Well, sir," explained the conductor genially, "the train in front was behind, and this train was behind before, besides."

Petty Larceny

A lawyer had gained an unenviable reputation for excessive sharpness. Next door lived a retired sea captain, who, while perhaps not as sharp as his legal neighbor, was fairly wide-awake. The two men had been on bad terms for some time.

One windy night the lawyer was startled by hearing a terrific crash above him. Investigation showed that the captain's chimney had blown down and created havoc with the attorney's roof. Hastening to the library and hauling forth his law books the latter had his case well in hand, when there arrived a note from the captain, reading:

"Sir: If you don't return my bricks at once, I shall put the matter in the hands of my counsel."

Daniel Come to Judgment

Some years ago in Arizona a man was sentenced to pay a fine of ten dollars or go to jail for ten days.

He had only three dollars and the court accepted that in lieu of three days' imprisonment.

By some carelessness on the part of the jailer the man was kept in jail for the full ten days. Naturally he demanded redress when released, and, after long consideration, the judge announced:

"Court expenses has done eat up the three dollars you give us, so we kain't pay you that back. Also we ain't got three dollars in the court treasury. But you sure are entitled to somethin', so I suggest that you commit the same offense over again and we'll give you three days' rebate and only keep you in the cooler for a week."

Suggestions of a Doughboy

Being the Suggestions of a Doughboy on the Manner of Conducting the Next War, Together with Certain Reflections on the Conduct of the Last One.

30. That when a man enters the service and makes an allotment of a part of his pay to a wife and children wholly dependent on him for support, the allotment be construed to mean that the money is to be paid to the beneficiaries during their lifetime and not to their respective estates.

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Something Wrong

"I hear, Josh, that yer hired man is somethin' of a fool."

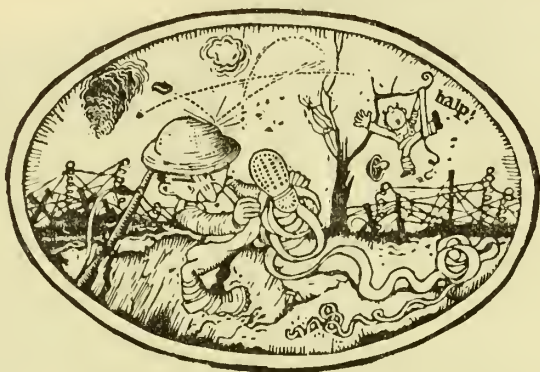
"Yep. He does do consider'ble work."

Farsighted

The Meanest Man was married the other day. He bought his bride a ten-cent bag of candy for a wedding present and took her for a honeymoon trip on the trolley. When they alighted from the car a couple of pieces of candy still remained in the bag.

"What shall we do with it, dear?" she asked.

"Better not eat it all," he advised prudently. "Let's save some for the children."



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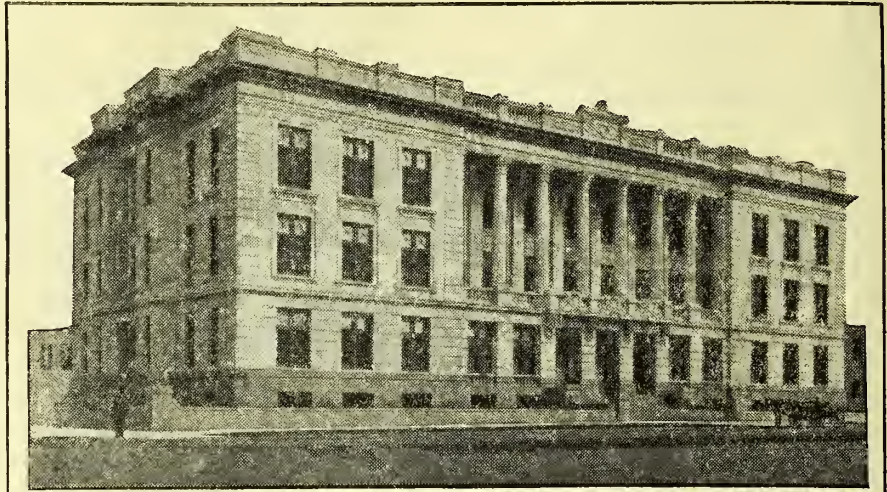
WILSON BRO'S, CHICAGO

Kansas Sets Up a Mark

THE Department of Kansas has a State Headquarters that has set a mark for the other departments of The American Legion to shoot at. This picture of the Grand Army Memorial Hall, at Topeka, shows the building that was erected at a cost of half a million dollars as a memorial to the men of the Union who fought in the Civil War. It is a four-story structure built in Georgian style in harmony with the State Capitol which it faces.

The interior, done in Carrara marble, contains an auditorium seating a thousand people, the state historical library, and a museum which includes war trophies of the famous Kansas fighting outfits—the 35th Division, the 353d (All-Kansas) Infantry of the 89th Division, and the 117th Ammunition Train of the Rainbow Division. Built originally as a memorial to the men of the G. A. R., it is used by the men of three generations who fought for their country in three different wars, and today houses the State Headquarters of the G. A. R., the Spanish-American War Veterans, and the Legion.

But the State of Kansas is not thinking only of today. It sees The American Legion of the future as the great force for good in the United States, and as the veterans of the older wars answer the last roll call, the building will automatically pass into the hands of the men who fought in the biggest war the nation has ever experienced.



Memorial Hall, Topeka, headquarters of the Kansas department of The American Legion

On Each Tree They Placed a Star



Three hundred and eight trees along Kings Highway Parkway, St. Louis, are decorated with these stars. Each star stands for a soldier or sailor who died in active service

LIKE a rare orchid, sentiment flourishes only under the right conditions. When The American Legion arranged Arbor Day exercises in St. Louis, Missouri, the note sounded was felicitous.

Golden stars, each bearing the name of a soldier or a sailor who died in active service, were placed on the 308 sweet gum, European sycamore and green oak trees which were planted along Kings Highway Parkway.

Years from now when these saplings have grown into wide-branched trees, stretching their leafy boughs from each side of the parkway, stories will still be told of the ceremonies which the Legion arranged. Many of the mothers of the heroes the trees commemorate witnessed the ceremonies.

Judge Landis Hands Down a Decision



Judge Landis and the Legion gang he hung out with while the guest of Ty Cobb at Augusta, Ga. From left to right: Spencer L. Hart, commander, Louis L. Battey Post; W. Woods White, Jr., manager, Legion baseball team; Judge Landis, Alfred M. Battey, Ty Cobb, Rodney S. Cohen, Landon Thomas

SUPPOSING all the nice things which have been said about Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis, High Commissioner of Baseball, were multiplied a thousandfold. How nice would that be? Judge Landis thinks, not equal to an American Legion membership. Here are his words:

"If all the nice things that have been said about me could be multiplied a thousandfold, I would gladly trade it all to become a member of The American Legion."

Judge Landis has a son who is a Legion member, so he ought to know.

The ruler of baseball was visiting Ty Cobb recently at his home in Augusta, Georgia. While there Judge Landis, in company with a committee from Louis L. Battey Post, visited the U. S. Veterans Hospital, and was so touched with the patients in the psychopathic wards that upon his return to the city he gave Ty Cobb, who is a member of Charles K. Learned Post of Detroit, a generous contribution to the hospital's tobacco fund.

Naval Base #13

By William Poor

The mist is a mantle over the park,
The moon is a fog-swept boat;
The noise of the city drifts through the dark
And a pain comes up in my throat.

Somewhere beyond the restless sea
In some Fortunate Isles I know,
Twilight will come with its witchery
And the shipping lights will glow.

The bell of Matriz tolls the vesper time,
The peasants will kneel and pray;
San Marco will sound with a deeper chime,
And I half the world away!

From the port the bugles will call and die,
The soldiers will wander down;
With dangling swords they will saunter by
To take their rest in the town.

And some will stop with the Very Best
Where she smiles in the old sweet way,
And some will pause to enjoy their rest
In the Picadill Café.

Where Benita will lean, with laughing eyes,
And pour that they all may drink,
While the orchestra plays, or at least it tries,
And the toasting glasses clink.

The world is young and the laugh is light
When the velvet shadows fall;
My heart is a sailing ship tonight
Rounding the old sea wall.

The Code of the Strutters of Ville Noire

(Continued from page 4)

on the other end of the wire—would hear none of it.

"The code, the code," the Muskrat demanded. "I not know who you are." And the cool old rascal emitted a sardonic chuckle.

The Colonel raved. An *arrivé* burst ten feet from headquarters dugout.

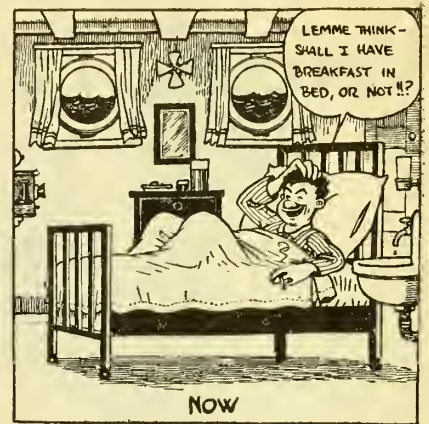
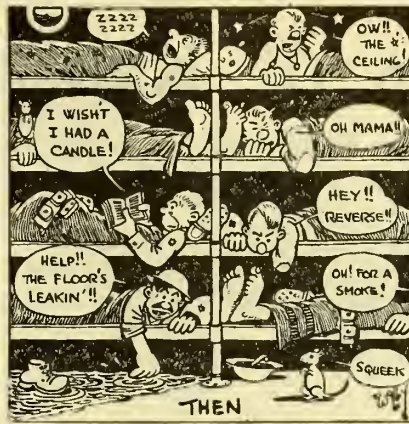
"Code Oscar! That's the fellow. Where in blazes is Oscar? Get it!" the Colonel roared.

The demented staff was hidden in flurries of ransacked papers but Oscar was A. W. O. L. More *arrivés* detonated in the near vicinity.

Then to Lieutenant Ryle came the great inspiration—true Intelligence. Snatching his banjo from the case, he yelled to the rest of the quartet to equip themselves. Over the wire carried the strains of "The Darktown Strutters' Ball," punctuated by dull booms which might have been a drummer's part.

"Ah!" laughed the old Muskrat. "*C'est vous!*" And he gave the order which caused the "bells" to desist from their ringing.

So that's how it happened that the next code book, the successor of the lost Oscar, was not named Louis nor yet Philippe. It was christened "Code Strutters."



Are you going over there with the Legion?

"Deck 9, Compartment Z, bunk—tier 7"

From that position on a transport you may have looked through a port-hole and formed your view—and viewpoint—of ocean voyages. The old engines were throbbing, lights flickered far away amidst the hazy air, some bird was using your head for a pillow for his feet, a life-preserver, a barracks bag, rifle, gas masks, trench tools and what-not squirmed for a share of the canvas, and from somewhere came the shrill voice of a buck with soaring morale, "shoot it all."

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Veteran Laws of Kansas and Iowa

Legislation Affecting the World War Veteran and the Legion Now on the Statute Books

Because the laws which one State has on its books are usually of interest to Legionnaires of other States—often inspiring duplicate enactments—the list of veteran laws in Kansas and Iowa is here published at length. Outlines of the laws passed in a number of other States will be published in later issues. Previous outlines have appeared as follows: New York, issue of May 12; Colorado, issue of June 23.

Kansas

Rights, Privileges and Immunities

The rights, privileges and immunities granted the veterans of wars previous to 1914 are confirmed and extended to honorably discharged veterans of the World War. These include:

Providing for burial and expenses attendant thereon to be paid by counties.

Providing that dependent families of veterans will be cared for at expense of counties.

Providing that certain facts concerning veterans shall be collected by assessors of taxing bodies.

Providing that license to hawk and peddle goods, etc., shall be extended gratis to veterans.

Providing that graves of deceased veterans shall be properly marked.

Protection of Legion Insignia

Non-members of the Legion and of other veterans' organizations and their auxiliaries wilfully wearing the emblems of those organizations shall be punished by a fine of not more than twenty dollars or by imprisonment for not more than thirty days, or both.

Maintenance of Headquarters, Etc.

An appropriation of \$1,000 a year is made for the maintenance of an office of the Legion and for the preservation of banners, mementoes, relics, flags, and records of service of individuals and organizations that fought in the World War.

Tax Exemption

All real and personal property belonging to a veterans' organization or its auxiliary shall be free from taxation.

Compensation (Pending)

There will be submitted to a vote of the electors of the state at the general election this year a referendum on compensation for veterans of the World War, to be at the rate of one dollar a day for each day of entire service, in addition to all pay and allowances made by the United States Government. (To be voted on in November.)

Boxing Matches

Sparring or boxing matches are legalized.

Parole of Erring Boys to Legion

Erring young boys, particularly those paroled from the state industrial schools, are to be placed under the care of American Legion posts.

Recording of Discharges

On submission to the Adjutant General of original discharge or other official rec-

ord of military service of any veteran or of authenticated copy of same, such record shall be placed on permanent file in his office, and upon request a certificate of military service will be furnished without charge. No city, county or state official shall charge a fee for certifying to the correctness of true copies of such records.

Iowa

Preference Law

Veterans are given preference in appointments, employment and promotion in every public department and on all public works of whatever character, State, county or municipal.

Going to France?

A chartered ship, with a Legion skipper and a Legion crew and nothing but Legion and Auxiliary passengers. A minimum of expense and a maximum of pleasure. Nothing much that's official—just a pleasure-hunting voyage.

All these things are planned for the 1922 Legion trip to France. The party will embark at New York August 5th on the *President Pierce*.

Reservations for the trip are coming in from all sections of the country and entertainment arranged for the party abroad grows more attractive every week. From the wide response that has greeted the project since it first was suggested the tour appears assured of complete success.

If you are interested, write immediately to the Tour Editor, The American Legion Weekly, 627 West 43d Street, New York City.

Compensation (Pending)

The State will be authorized to issue bonds in the amount of \$22,000,000 for the purpose of paying veterans of the World War, residents of the State at the time of entering the service, the sum of fifty cents for each day of active service, not to exceed a total sum of \$350, according to a referendum to be submitted to the people of the State in the general elections next November.

Tax Exemption

Property of any honorably discharged veteran not to exceed \$500 in actual value

is exempt from taxation. The same benefit is conferred on the widow if she remains unmarried and on minor children.

State Roster of Veterans

An appropriation of \$15,000 has been made to complete the compilation of the roster and records of all Iowa soldiers, sailors and marines.

Soldiers' Home

Veterans of the World War are eligible to admission in the soldiers' home at Marshalltown.

Burial of Veterans

Burial of indigent honorably discharged veterans and their wives or widows may be made at public expense, such expense being limited to \$50. No veteran shall be buried in a pauper cemetery.

Memorials

A tax not to exceed one mill may be levied on all taxable property in the county for the relief of and to pay the funeral expenses of indigent honorably discharged veterans, their indigent wives, widows or minor children; also for the erection of monuments or memorial halls in any cemetery or public place. The same act provides for markers for graves of dead soldiers.

Relief

The overseer of the poor, under the supervision of the board of supervisors, shall provide for the relief of such poor persons as should not be sent to the county homes; this relief to be either in the form of food, rent or clothing, fuel and light, medical attendance, or in money. No veterans or their widows or families requiring public relief shall be sent to the county home when they can and prefer to be relieved as provided in this measure.

Moratorium

Exemption from payment of any bill of exchange or of any other payments in pursuance of any contract of a veteran while in the service during the World War was provided for a period of six months after the termination of service.

Free Tuition in Schools

Every school shall be free of tuition to actual residents of the district between the ages of 5 and 21 years, and to all resident honorably-discharged veterans for as many months after becoming 21 years of age as they have spent in the United States service before they became 21 years of age.

Recording of Discharges

The county auditors shall maintain a special book for the recording of any final discharge of a veteran, no fee to be charged for recording such discharge.

Copies of Public Records

Certified copies of any public records shall be furnished veterans without charge provided these are necessary to protect any claim of a veteran or his dependents.

Still Getting Rich on the Veteran

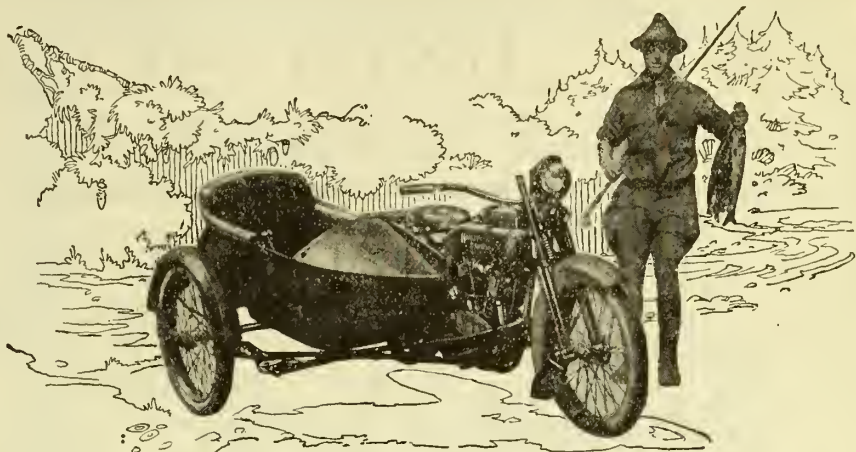
THE olive drab Wallingfords who went A. W. O. L. and sold shares in the Eiffel Tower or a half interest in the Paris subway system to trusting Frenchmen apparently are back in business in America. Their dishonesty not demobilized, they are resorting to new get-rich-quick methods in an effort to swindle not only World War veterans but also the surviving relatives of those who lost their lives in the war. A mailing list of the beneficiaries of War Risk Insurance policies—made up of the names of widows, and bereft fathers and mothers of deceased soldiers and sailors—is now being circularized extensively, and is believed to be in the hands of several promoters of dubious undertakings. In any event the surviving relatives of those who died in the war are receiving letters and literature from all sorts of investment enterprises which do not stand investigation.

Source of List Hidden

The source of the insurance beneficiaries mailing list has not yet been learned. Whether it was obtained surreptitiously from government records is one question being investigated. An organization in Washington has been soliciting \$10 subscriptions from insurance beneficiaries who receive installment payments, on the promise that a bill will be introduced in Congress to enable them to get new bonds for the full amount of their policies. These bonds, the Washington organization says in its letters, would have coupons attached and would be salable, presumably at face value. The operations of this organization are assumed to be wholly honest, although the advisability of beneficiaries contributing to the fund is open to a difference of opinion. The American Legion has never considered such a bill necessary.

The "Nurse" Swindle

Comparable to persons who misuse the mailing list of the insurance bureau is another class of after-the-war exploiters of ex-service men specializing in attempts to swindle veterans who insert advertisements or notices in publications in an effort to get in touch with former buddies. Many men who have sought to find their old comrades in this manner have received letters from writers who say they are former army nurses, themselves trying to get in communication with men whom they had attended in hospitals. If the recipients of the letters send an encouraging reply, the "nurse"—who is in reality a man, judging from the evidence in most cases—becomes exceedingly friendly in later letters, suggests exchange of photographs and finally discusses marriage. She will be glad to join her mail-order dupe if he will only send her money for car fare and traveling expenses, she writes. It is hardly necessary to add that if a veteran does send money, the rest is silence and the case is one for the postoffice inspectors.



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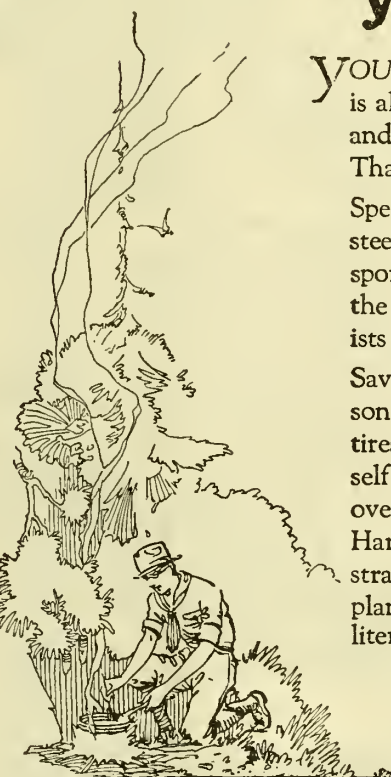
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The Thirty-Second*

YOU can make your own choice of the four or five best combat divisions of the A. E. F., but whatever the line-up, the Thirty-second will be included. Among the best combat divisions the Red Arrow made a peculiar record in more ways than one.

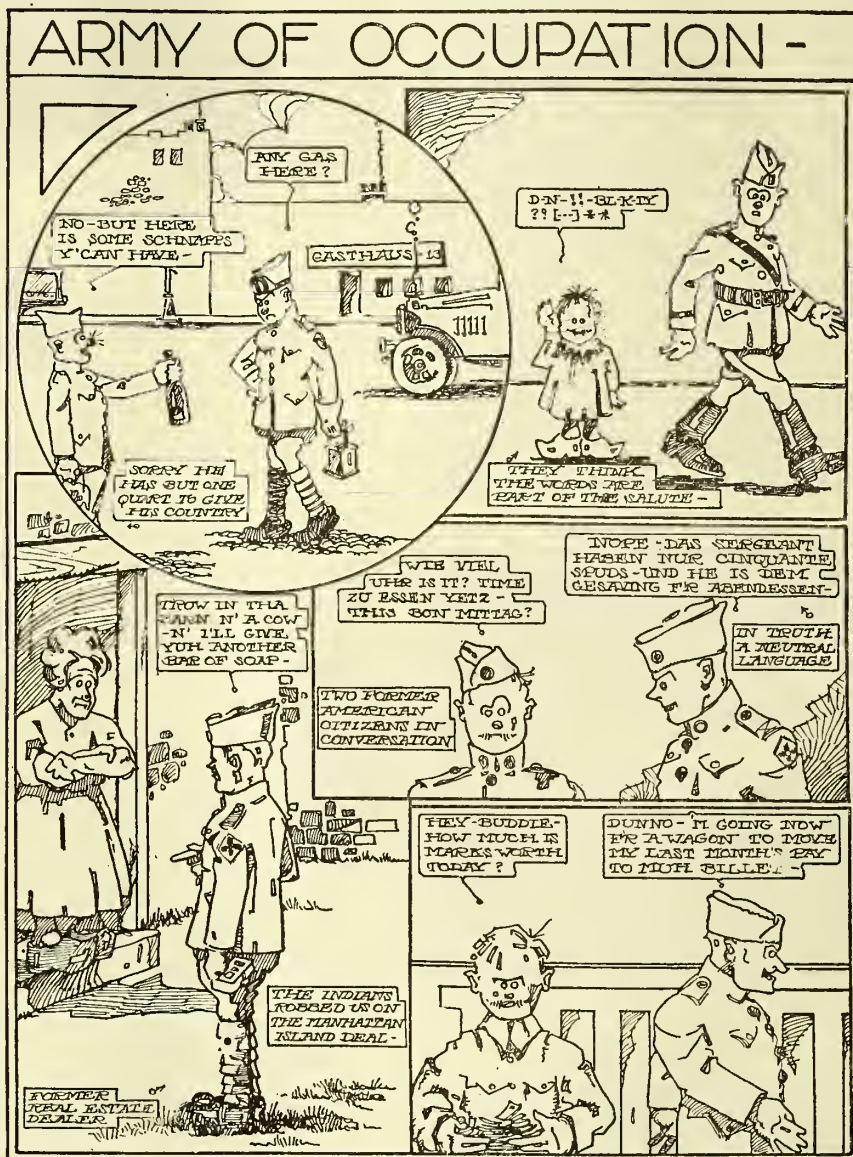
To begin with, it had a good start; it was created by orders of July 18, 1917—and as a birthday July 18 was a date which meant business. Born under this lucky number, the division had the advantage of drawing unusually good material to start with (Wisconsin and Michigan National Guard troops who had already seen service on the Border); next, a fine set of officers; and last of all, a good commanding general

early in the game. Also, the division had the luck to be left alone—instead of being cut to pieces by drafts, transfers and changes, it could turn to for six months' steady training in Texas. As a result of these advantages (and for other reasons peculiar to itself), the division became a comparatively finished product early in the day—a division instead of merely 27,000 men in O. D. When inspected in November by the War Department, the Thirty-second was reported as more advanced in training than any other division in the United States; and its sector was promptly changed from Waco to Hoboken.

But on arriving in France the Thirty-second struck a hoodoo. The fortune tellers at G. H. Q. had doped it out that the sixth division to arrive, whether shock-troops or fit only for K. P., should be a replacement division. Instead of moving on to Berlin, the Thirty-second found that it was to be farmed out to relieve the labor shortage in the S. O. S., and to fill the gaps that had already begun to appear in units at the front. Practically a whole regiment—all the captains and privates of the 128th Infantry—were given away to the First Division, and the three other regiments went to work on the depots at Gièvres—the depots which later on were to keep the division alive at the front.

The S. O. S. was then in a tight place, and wanted Gièvres finished in a hurry. The men of the Thirty-second were in no less of a hurry, for they wanted to dig themselves out of the S. O. S., and they went to it in such a way that they succeeded. Ludendorff helped, too, by stirring things up on the front; and finally General Haan, by a few well-chosen words at the right moment and in the right place, succeeded in rescuing his division from the cannibals of the replacement service. The Thirty-second therefore might, if it wanted to, claim that it was the only division which made good both as a replacement and a combat division. The troops it sent up to the First arrived in time to help out at Cantigny and to take part in the great assault at Soissons. That performance rather suggests that the contribution provided by the Thirty-second was up to the mark. There is by rights a strong blood tie between these two divisions; both of them should remember it, and forget the slight misunderstanding

* THE THIRTY-SECOND DIVISION IN THE WORLD WAR. Issued by the Joint History Commissions of Michigan and Wisconsin. Address Col. Paul B. Clemens, secretary, Thirty-second Division Veteran Association, Superior, Wis.



From "History of the 39th U. S. Infantry"

Rhine Life as the Fourth Division Saw It

which arose later during the Meuse-Ar-gonne.

But in the S. O. S. the Thirty-second lost about 9,000 men, practically half its infantry; so that in the final reckoning we should remember that the spirit of the Thirty-second was able not only to build up a good division in the first place, but then, after giving away half its infantry, to go to work and build up a good division a second time. All this before going into action.

Rescued from the S. O. S. the Thirty-second went into line in upper Alsace—an ideal quiet sector where it took advantage of its opportunities for training.

From these haunts of ancient peace, the division stepped with a bang into the midst of the second battle of the Marne. Beginning just beyond the Ourcq with the capture of Hill 230, in six days it had

reached the Vesle and taken Fismes. Then, while the rest of the A. E. F. hiked away toward St. Mihiel, the Thirty-second set out on a little adventure of its own with General Mangin—at his request. His Tenth Army was now attacking the broken ground which formed the west flank of the Chemin des Dames. The attack of the Thirty-second at Juvigny was one of the high spots in this operation. It was a rather intricate and difficult affair, which required to be carried out with skill and precision and dash. It was, and the French fully appreciated green troops, under a newly organized staff, who could carry off such a trick. General Mangin never forgot the Thirty-second; and later on, when its front had reached the Rhine, he decorated all the infantry and machine-gun colors of the division with the Croix de Guerre. All in all, Juvigny was one of the most brilliant

feats in the early fighting of the A. E. F. The Ourcq, the Vesle and Juvigny had cost over 6,600 casualties, and the division was now 7,500 below strength. Just before its next battle it drew 5,000 replacements of varying stages of innocence; and on this basis, with its companies still fifty below strength, the division went up into its twenty-days' battle in the Meuse-Argonne.

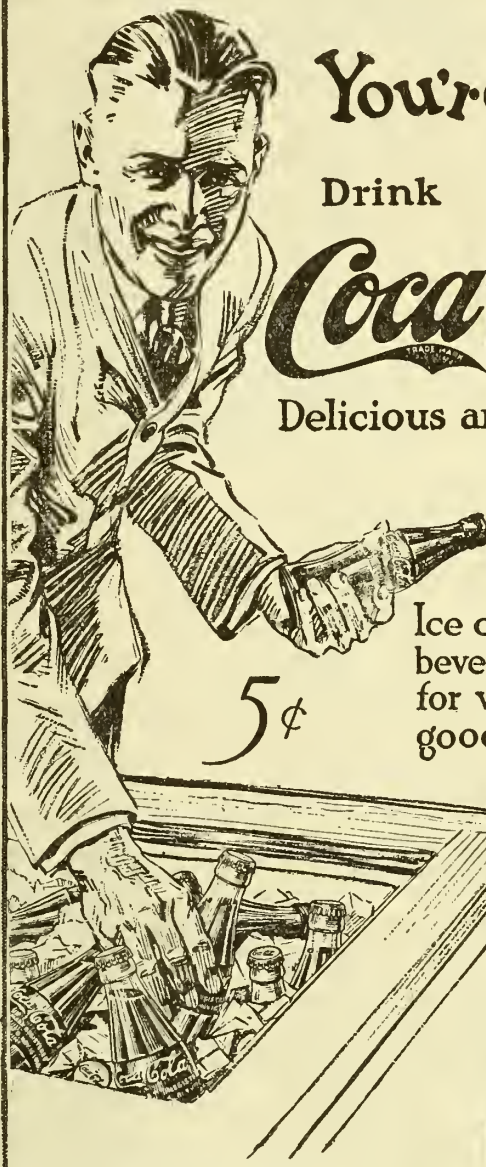
This battle was the high spot in the career of the Thirty-second, and it might be said that the work of the Thirty-second was one of the high spots of the Meuse-Argonne. It saw through the entire second phase of the operation; and it was thanks chiefly to the Thirty-second and the First, in line together, that the second phase ended in breaking through the Kriemhilde in the center of the army front. Both were called in as soon as the first attack slowed down, and had to tackle the rough ground which stretched forward for some miles in front of the Kriemhilde Stellung. The Boche, realizing its importance, had organized it as a covering position for the latter, and given it a name of its own—the Giselher Stellung. It would be hard to say which sector was the worst. The First had to handle a wider front, with perhaps a greater variety of devilry in the way of terrain, and with the Argonne spitting down on its exposed left flank. But nowhere in this part of France was the landscape more of a Luna Park nature than in the sector of the Thirty-second.

The ball opened with the great attack of October 4th, in which the First Army hoped to carry the whole works with one swoop. In spite of this check, the Thirty-second went to it promptly next morning and broke through the crust of the Giselher—and then in a week's steady slugging fought its way forward through the tangle of woods and hills to the line of wire in front of the Kriemhilde trenches—ready for the general assault on October 14th. In front of the Thirty-second these trenches ran along the top of the Côte Dame Marie, a ridge so steep in places that it was just short of a cliff. But in the last fortnight the Thirty-second had learned its way around. Two regiments shot through the line on the right just under the eastern end of the crest, and then turning to the left, rolled up the Kriemhilde end on. Another borrowed a more gradual line of approach from the sector of the Forty-second further west, clambered over the top, and kept on going. The Boche defenders of the particularly "impregnable" part of the crest had to choose promptly between Germany and the prison cage at Souilly; and that night the Thirty-second had its line solidly planted and still going strong across the woods a mile or more beyond the ridge. During the next few days it cleaned out most of the Bois de Bantheville, and when it was relieved on October 20th, it had established the furthest north of the First Army front.

In spite of its twenty days in action and its 6,000 casualties, the Division was back in line again before the wireless from Foch called things off for good. The Armistice found it shooing the Boche off the further slopes of the heights east of the Meuse—and going at full tilt.

Roosevelt had rather the habit of hitting the nail on the head; and he never made a better shot than when he wrote General Haan, "By George, your men hit hard!"

The Thirty-second always did things in its own way, and it has set to work writing its history on rather original lines. The first volume, which has already appeared, contains a general account of the division and its work—a lively running narrative for the general reader, yet careful and accurate. In addition, there are many side lights and scrap book features of unusual interest; among them an entertaining series of uncensored "letters home" of its commanding general. In a second volume it is planned to take things up in style from the point of view of military history, and to publish the more important field orders and operations reports covering the action in France. Altogether this is the best plan for a divisional history that has yet been hit on.—T. H. THOMAS.



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Speakers for Posts

How many men in your post are carrying War Risk Term Insurance or converted government insurance? How many of your members know how they should proceed if they wanted to establish a claim for compensation for a disability, to get a course in vocational training or to obtain hospital treatment? These are matters which are rather technical. In many posts the adjutant or service officer is an able adviser on these subjects, but there are other posts in which an effort to acquaint all members with their rights would be worth while.

A good way to accomplish this is to arrange for an official of the Veterans Bureau to address the post meeting. There are fourteen Regional District offices and 140 sub-offices of the Bureau. Director C. R. Forbes has stated that Veterans Bureau officials everywhere are at liberty to make addresses to posts. The best way to get a speaker for your post meeting is to address your request to the Manager of the District Office of the Bureau nearest you.

Posts located in or near the vicinity of the branch offices of the Veterans Bureau probably can obtain speakers easily at any time. Other posts outside the areas of the branch offices probably can arrange for addresses when Bureau employees are in their communities on Bureau business. But Director Forbes has pointed out that, under the law, it is not possible for the Bureau to furnish transportation and pay expenses for employees of the Bureau to travel from their stations for the sole purpose of addressing posts. Mr. Forbes states, however, that Bureau employees are constantly traveling over their respective districts on matters relating to compensation, vocational training and hospitalization, and while on these missions may very profitably speak before posts requesting their services.

"I believe that should the employees appear before local posts that it would result to the mutual advantage of both the Legion and the Bureau," Director Forbes has written. "I feel that not only would the Legion know better the problems and work of the Bureau, but the Bureau through its representatives would come in more intimate contact with the viewpoint and aims of the Legion as they may affect the work of this Bureau."

Director Forbes has announced that he will issue an open letter to field employees of the Bureau containing instructions on the subject of addresses to posts.

Headstones for Graves

One of the sacred duties of The American Legion is to see that no grave of an American soldier of any war remains unmarked. Not only must the Legion know that a headstone is on the grave of every World War veteran, but more and more must it assume the obligation which the G. A. R. and other veterans societies fulfilled after other American wars. In many communities the G. A. R. posts have only a few members, whose age makes it impossible for them to exercise the same supervision over cemeteries as formerly, and it is frequently up to the Legion to see that graves of Civil War veterans, and of veterans of the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, the Mexican War and the Spanish-American War as well, are all marked.

The Government will provide free a headstone for the unmarked grave of any American soldier, sailor or Marine, whether he died in the service or after his discharge. It will also furnish headstones for the graves of Army Nurses who had Regular or Volunteer commissions. The stones provided are of white marble, 39 inches long, 12 inches wide and four inches thick, the

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top slightly rounded. The Government will inscribe each stone with the name, rank (if above private), company, regiment and division or other organization, cut in relief within a sunken shield. Each stone has a circle near the top in which the emblem of religious faith, either the Latin cross or the Star of David, is cut.

To obtain a headstone for an unmarked grave, the Quartermaster General of the Army, War Department, Washington, D. C., should be asked to send Form 623. This form should be filled out and returned. In due time, the Quartermaster General will ship the inscribed stone, freight prepaid, to the railroad station or steamboat landing designated by the applicant. The applicant must promise to remove the stone promptly and set it up at private expense. Headstones must not be requested for any grave at which a private stone, monument or other permanent marker is already erected.

Increase in Premiums

The Veterans Bureau has notified all holders of War Risk Term Insurance policies (unconverted insurance) that monthly premium rates have been increased to the rate for the next higher age on July 1st. This increase is due to the fact that term insurance is yearly renewable term insurance; that is, the premiums paid in one year cover the insurance for that year only, and as the age of the insured increases, the premium rate necessarily changes. The increase for men up to the age of 38 is only one cent on each \$1,000 of insurance carried, and amounts therefore to but ten cents a month or \$1.20 a year additional for a man carrying a \$10,000 policy. For most of the ages above 38 the increases are more than one cent per thousand.

It should be remembered that premiums on converted policies remain fixed and are the same year after year. Term insurance has no cash, loan, paid-up or extended insurance values. These values are possessed by all forms of converted government insurance. The final date for converting term insurance to permanent government insurance is March 3, 1926, at which time all term insurance automatically terminates.

Free Insurance Examination

Physicians engaged by district offices of the Veterans Bureau on a salary basis must in future consider free physical examinations of veterans seeking to reinstate lapsed War Risk Insurance "as part of the duties for which they are employed," Director C. R. Forbes of the Bureau has ordered. This means that another of the benefits available to applicants for policies issued by private companies may now be enjoyed by veterans who wish to profit by the War Risk Act. The issuance of this ruling by Director Forbes is the result of efforts made by the Legion's National Service Division.

An applicant for an insurance policy issued by a private company has to undergo a physical examination at the hands of a physician selected by the company, but does

not have to pay a fee for the examination. The fee is paid by the company, which allots \$5 for each examination if the prospective policy is under \$25,000. The fee may go as high as \$25 if the policy is for a large amount. For large amounts, also, more than one examination is required; in fact, as many as three doctors must certify to an applicant's health if he wants to take out a policy for \$100,000.

Examinations by Veterans Bureau physicians are not compulsory, however, for veterans seeking reinstatement of insurance. A private physician may conduct the examination, in which case the veteran must stand the expense. In this connection it is interesting to note that the Minnesota Legion is urging posts in that State to appoint "Legion doctors" who will examine veterans for \$1 or \$1.50, instead of charging the customary \$3 or \$5 fee.

Names of these Legion doctors are being furnished the Veterans Bureau District Office at Minneapolis to make a file that will be available to veterans who prefer a private physician.

Questions and Answers

Gaining Citizenship

I was born in Italy and I served in the American Army during the World War. But I neglected to take advantage of the easy opportunity to become naturalized while in the A. E. F. Can I still become an American citizen without going through the long process of filing several papers? Some of my buddies filed naturalization petitions while in France, but they haven't done anything further. What should they do to get their final papers?—V. Z., New York City.

To gain American citizenship you should apply to the Chief Naturalization Examiner of the District of the Bureau of Naturalization in which you live. He will notify you of the date you should appear to take the oath in court. Taking the oath is the only formality you will have to comply with. This, of course, is based on the assumption that you have an honorable discharge from the Army. There are eleven districts of the Bureau of Naturalization in the country, the district offices being located in the following cities: New York City, Boston, Mass., Philadelphia, Pa., Pittsburgh, Pa., Washington, D. C., Chicago, Ill., St. Louis, Mo., St. Paul, Minn., Denver, Colo., Seattle, Wash., and San Francisco, Cal.

Your buddies who filed their petitions in France may become American citizens by following the same procedure as advised for you. They should simply forget the petitions they filed over there, because it will be much simpler to make new applications than to try to follow up the old ones. The reason for this is that the law providing the simple method of naturalization for ex-service men mentioned above was passed after the law under which the applications were taken in France. In most large cities there are regular days appointed for naturalizing ex-service men. No fees are charged.

I lived all my life in this country until I joined the Canadian Army. Now that I am back, have I lost my American citizenship, and if so, how shall I regain it? Would I be entitled to adjusted compensation from the United States if the pending bill passes?—ANTON JOHNSON, Frederic, Wis.

You have lost your American citizenship, but may be fully repatriated by appearing in a court of naturalization and taking the oath of allegiance. Under the pending bill adjusted compensation would be payable only to persons who served in the Army of the United States.

Is a World-wide Legion Possible?

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petuation in the civil life of the Empire and of the world of the principles for which we fought, to teach and practice loyalty to the community, loyalty among classes, to make right the master of might, to secure peace and good will on earth." This, he says, "Is a high and noble policy, a lofty purpose; and there goes with it, and as a part of it, the maintenance of a democratic comradeship among all who served in whatsoever rank or capacity, so that neither the efforts nor the interests of any member of that great comradeship shall be forgotten." Nine hundred thousand British soldiers met their death in the World War; 1,140,000 were maimed, thousands had their health forever impaired, many were ruined financially. Thus it will be seen that the British Legion, like its sister organization in the United States, has a great work before it.

The Legion Supreme

A recital of the strength and magnitude of The American Legion, of its marvelous growth and super-organization, is superfluous. As a factor in world-wide unity it stands supreme. With over 11,000 posts, with an administration that is little short of perfect, with an influence that cannot be estimated in mere words, with leadership that combines initiative, far-sighted vision and determined purpose, The American Legion today is predominantly in a position to give direction to the growing desire for closer relationship among inter-allied veterans. The manifest intention of the Legion to bring about this rapprochement is evidenced by the organization plans of the forthcoming National Convention. The fulfillment of such aims will mark a great step forward in the perpetuation of world peace and happier conditions among mankind.

From the foregoing it will be seen that there are three main organizations in existence and at work along interlocking lines, namely: The "Fidac," The American Legion and the British Legion. These three bodies represent veterans of France, Belgium, Italy, Serbia, Roumania, Czecho-Slovakia, the United States of America, Great Britain, Canada, Australia, South Africa, India, Egypt, New Zealand, British East Africa, the Malay States and Ceylon. To definitely link up the veteran units of these widely-scattered countries would be to girdle the earth with unbreakable bonds of comradeship, service and good will. This, in effect, is the opportunity now before The American Legion.

A Convention in Paris?

The methods by which such a wonderful plan could be brought to fruition cannot be determined at present. There are, of course, innumerable difficulties in the way of its accomplishment, but none that cannot be ultimately surmounted by determined and persistent effort. The New Orleans conference is the first step in the desired direction. If preliminary organization can be ef-



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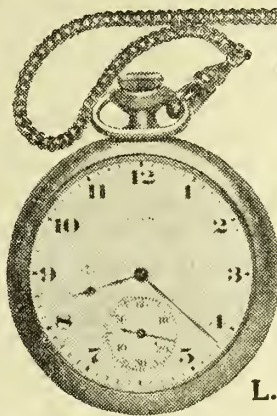
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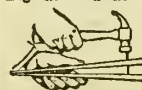
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fecting this year, it may be found necessary to call a representative convention in Washington, Paris or London next year at which the details of constitution could be discussed and shaped. A gathering of this nature would be able to determine the feasibility of a world-wide Legion of veterans, and, if found to be practicable, definite organization could be proceeded with.

Leaders of the American, British and European Legions are in complete agreement as to the desirability of closer unity. National Commander Hanford MacNider, of The American Legion, is emphatic in this respect. "We must build up our Legions," he says, "so big and fine and strong, and tie them into our national existences by such firm bonds of service, that our great nations will stand behind the men who offered their lives for the defense of liberty. That is our first task."

Field Marshal Earl Haig, of the British Legion, dealing with the problem of unity, has the following to say: "Ever since my return from France—and indeed for many months before that—I have looked forward to the day when all those gallant men who served together in the Great War and lived to come through it, whatever their form of service and whatever the rank they held, would acknowledge the ties of their comradeship by coming together to form one single and united organization of ex-service men. We have a great opportunity before us. We have

got the right spirit, and we have taken the first great step towards the realization of our opportunity. I am convinced that, if we will, we ex-service men can yet confer a benefit on our country, as great as that which we have already given it during the war. Let us set our hands hopefully and courageously to the task."

M. Charles Bertrand, speaking for the "Fidac," says: "It is necessary that we know each other better and that we know the policies which our governments are following. We must learn to judge one another better, to listen loyally to what others think of our conduct. It is necessary that we unite Allied combatants more firmly together; that we render service and suppress injustice and misery."

World federation of inter-allied veterans may, perhaps, appear to pertain to the realm of fantastic impossibility. But, as a matter of fact, it is a development which is slowly but surely materializing. In the safe hands of those now interested in the scheme, the beneficial results, not alone to the veteran movement but to the whole civilized world, cannot be overestimated.

World War veterans of the inter-allied nations are looking to The American Legion to consummate this master stroke in the interests of peace-loving humanity. The new Orleans convention of the veterans of many nations will answer the question: "Is a world-wide Legion possible?"

Crank, Crank, Crank, the Reel's A-Winding

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gion Film Service, "should 'Flashes' have to be shown through the instrumentality of a third party? Why the promoter? Why not eliminate the middleman? Why not get prints of the film, rent them out to posts at a fair charge under Legion auspices, and let the posts make all the money instead of only a part of it?"

At present The American Legion Film Service has fifteen prints of "Flashes of Action" circulating among posts throughout the country. Some 300 posts have shown the picture, and so far as is known not one has lost money on it.

The Legion post in Palmer, Iowa, for instance, which is a village of only 300 population, showed the picture and cleared \$100. It doesn't take an expert statistician to prove that not many people in Palmer stayed away from the show.

Birmingham, Michigan, has 500 people. Charles Edwards Post gave a Film Service show in the high school auditorium and made a net profit of \$135. Cash prizes were given the school children selling the largest number of tickets.

San Diego (California) Post netted \$1,625 on a post movie performance. And the post in Hanford, California, cleaned up on an evening exhibition after entertaining 1,250 school children at a free matinee.

In Austin, Texas, there is a law forbidding the sale of tickets for Sunday motion picture performances. Travis Post of that city put on a Sunday show, took a collection instead of selling tickets, and cleared \$200 for the post burial fund.

Another Texas outfit—Rudolph Lambert Post of Port Arthur—netted \$550 by using these publicity methods, according to Post Adjutant J. F. Dunne:

We had newspaper write-ups and advertising, as usual, but it took the advertising to get the free and more valuable reading matter. Dodgers were distributed all over town by the Boy Scouts, whom we let in free. These were simply announcements of a real war picture. We had a display out in front of the theatre. The theatre was decorated, and we had war trophies. In addition we had a bugler to sound various service calls, which attracted the crowd. Slides in other movie houses helped.

So it goes—a uniform record of financial success, an aftermath of public satisfaction due to a worth-while show, and increased local Legion prestige.

"Flashes of Action" is five reels long—as long as the average feature picture—and requires nearly an hour to be shown. It measures 5,030 feet. The picture embraces 90 separate scenes ranging from embarkation at "an Atlantic port" through the war on land and sea to the victory parades back home.

How should a post go about getting this film? First it should select a place for its show—its own clubhouse, if the clubhouse is equipped with a meeting place capable of seating a fair crowd; the high school auditorium; some ample hall or lodge room; the local moving picture theatre. Equally important is the date. Once the place and the date

have been definitely fixed, the post should inform The American Legion Film Service, at the Legion's National Headquarters, Indianapolis, that it would like to have a print of "Flashes of Action" for exhibition by the post on a certain date. Plan well ahead—the Film Service must have at least two weeks' notice and will be grateful for more.

Other films of peculiar interest to Legionnaires are now available to posts along with "Flashes," so that a post may now put on a good long evening's entertainment of all-Legion pictures. The Kansas City National Convention and the Foch tour of last fall, the latter supplied through the kindness of Pathé Frères and the International Film Service, are included in the additional filmage. For the use of all this material the Film Service charges a low rental fee.

There will be available to posts late in the summer prints of the Preamble to the Legion's Constitution acted out phrase by phrase by Legion members. This picture is now being prepared at the California studios of Thomas H. Ince as a gift to the Legion and will be released simultaneously with "Skin Deep," a feature picture portraying the regeneration of a gangster through the war and appealing in general for a square deal for the ex-service man. Members of Hollywood (California) Post, who had a big share in the making of the Christie comedy, "O Promise Me," recently released, will act out the Preamble film.

Recently, as announced in The American Legion Weekly, the Film Service secured the national distribution rights to the picturization of Robert W. Chambers' "Cardigan," a stirring story of the American Revolution. Posts who wish to present "Cardigan" should write their department adjutants, in whose hands full information has been placed.

Projectors for Posts

But the Film Service does not intend merely to distribute pictures and call it a day. A few thousand feet of movie and no way to show it is about as useful and entertaining as a roll of camera film without a camera. So the Film Service now stands ready to supply posts not with cameras exactly, but with projectors. A projector, let it be told for the benefit of the uninitiated, is the machine through which the film is projected on the screen. A projector, a stretch of film, a screen and ordinary electric wiring with some juice inside the wire are the essentials of a movie show. The Film Service is sending out to interested posts a leaflet describing in detail plans covering three different

types of projectors, and also suggestions for raising the money after the projector is installed. By any of these plans a post may obtain a projector ranging in cost from \$200 to \$350 by a deposit of only \$25, and make the projector pay for itself through post movie shows.

A Legion News Reel

The Film Service is looking forward to the time when five thousand posts will be conducting shows by arrangement with local theatre managers or will have projectors of their own. With such a distribution assured, the Film Service believes the Legion can issue its own film news reel of interesting Legion activities. But there'll be no waiting for that. Right now the Film Service is anxious to have tips on coming Legion events

that are worth filming. If your post is planning to promenade down Main Street on twenty-foot stilts, or to blow up the old bridge over Fall Creek as part of a sham battle (with the due permission of the authorities), tell the Film Service about it well in advance. Someone will be there with a cranked box to record it.

Naturally every Legion activity won't make a zippy movie. An installation of officers or the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting cannot arouse screen audiences in towns a thousand miles away. Possibly even a department convention would not stimulate that stern C. O. called General Public unless some extra special

thrills were provided. But department conventions are of interest to every Legionnaire. And the Film Service is now planning for the New Orleans convention a gigantic movie carnival which will include films of department conventions and other Legion activities that have been shot or will be shot between now and mid-October. Oh, yes, several Legion outfits are already keeping photographic records of their activities, posts as well as departments. Hubert E. Roche Post of Teaneck, New Jersey, probably holds the record as the first post to initiate a moving picture history of itself. Additional film is added from year to year. The post has shown the film three times and has netted more than \$300 for its building fund. Houses built on celluloid are as solid as houses built on rock.

It is the hope of the Film Service that by midsummer it will have in circulation the largest non-theatrical library in the United States. Those terms require explanation. A library, in the motion picture sense, is a collection of films ready for distribution or already in circulation. And a non-theatrical library is one in which there are no films with captions like, "And

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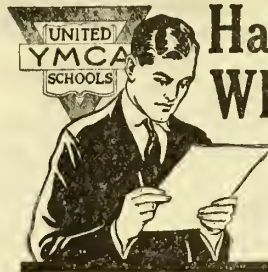
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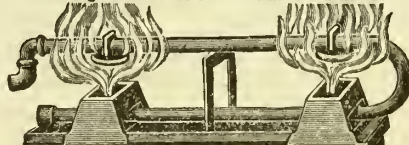
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as the dawn of a new day rosed the gentle crests of the placid Berkshires, Willard and Iolanthe rode out from Chester into the golden void of the future." This does not mean that every Legion film will be "educational" in the sense in which "Village Life in Afghanistan" or "Through the Great Cheese Mines of Limberg," are educational. Some Americanism films are planned which will be good stories and good, interesting movies apart from any instructional value they may have.

Ambitious, you say, all this fine program with coils of celluloid replacing

the spiral leggins of yesteryear? Yes, it is ambitious, but it is based on hard sense and well-established facts. The motion picture as a source of post fun and profit is nothing new to the Legion. Figures gathered by the Film Service indicate that 90 percent of the posts have already given some kind of movie show. Nine-tenths of all Legiondom has at least a more intimate acquaintance with the film business than is to be gained from stepping up to the box office window and saying, "Two, please." And look out for that other 10 percent when it learns all the possibilities of the game!

A Man o' Wars

By Marie Rowe Dunbar

"AND 'e'll go to his Gawd like a soldier," sang Kipling of the British fighting man.

The refrain of this line is sung lustily by the buddies of Robert Bruce McGregor, of Seattle, Washington. McGregor, many times a veteran, is one of the eleven survivors of the original Princess Pat's Regiment which numbered 1,093 at the time of its organization in 1914. Only two of the eleven veterans are able to be on their feet. McGregor is one of the two.

Although constantly under the doctor's care and suffering from severe wounds received in the World War, McGregor refuses to quit soldiering! His recent campaigns consist of finding jobs for 236 ex-service men, adopting and educating a fifteen-year-old boy, and otherwise being a good member of The American Legion.

McGregor was born forty-eight years ago in Sedro Wooley, Washington, in a prairie schooner—not with a silver spoon in his mouth but a sword. Al-

ways the sword has directed his destiny. It sent him to the Philippines to fight in the Spanish-American

War; to China to take part in the Boxer trouble; to South Africa to serve four years in the mounted police where he saw active duty in the Natal Rebellion, the Matabele Uprising, and the Jamieson Raid of 1905 and 1906, and finally to the battlefields of France.

McGregor has been awarded twelve medals and four decorations. They are the D. M. C., which ranks next to the Victoria Cross, presented to him by King George, for general service in the army; a Medal of Merit for bravery in the Mons retreat; the Belgian Medal of Merit; a medal for the Matabele campaign presented by King Edward; the King and

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Petits Enfants

By H. I. Gilchrist

Those piers at Brest, all slippery with rain,
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My! But we felt like exiles when we lit,
Feeling the moving decks still under us.
And when we started off up that wet hill
With shavetails yelling out the wrong commands,
Gosh, but we ached for home! And then we saw
A line of little kids all at salute.
They wore black aprons and had poilu caps,
And one had got a homemade Stars and Stripes
To wave at us. And as we passed they sang
A song the last raw troops from home had sung,
Sang it their way, the best they could recall—
"Heel! Heel! De ganks all hare!"—like that.
And how we laughed, and cheered those 'tits enfants!
It made us feel as if the rain had stopped,
And someone cared, and war was not so bad.
Good little tikes, those small, black-aproned kids.

Ten Months of the Veterans Bureau

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to blame. It has had to stand by, fuming but helpless, and see an \$18,600,000 hospital building program steered on the shoals by politicians and visionaries. Instead of the 6,700 new Government-owned hospital beds, distributed scientifically throughout the country, which that program was to produce, there are available to the veteran today actually fewer government hospital beds than there were on January 1st.

This is because, if the Veterans Bureau could not build hospitals, it could at least destroy them, and in this negative manner visit some small measure of protection upon those who have given their health and strength in their country's service. Accordingly, Director Charles R. Forbes of the Veterans Bureau, taking stock of the hospitals he inherited, marked out a progressive campaign of abandonment to get rid of the worst ones. He checked off seven—totalling 4,249 beds—stretching from Massachusetts to California and began their methodical evacuation.

It was hoped in the beginning that new hospitals might be in readiness to receive the patients thus turned out, but that hope, like so many others, has proved vain. The effort which was calculated to produce those new hospitals fell into the hands of too many people at Washington who believe as does Brigadier General Charles E. Sawyer, the President's physician and chairman of the Federal Board of Hospitalization, who says, "I am using my influence wherever possible to prevent undue expenditure and undue elaboration of the high-powered hospital." But whether new "high-powered" government hospitals are ready or not the condition of the seven marked hospitals was so bad that they have had to go, or are going. Most of them are ramshackle old barracks, of the flimsiest, war-hastened construction, literally fit for no purpose under the sun. Being unfit even for sick soldiers they will be—as some have been—demolished and sold for junk.

Three Classes of Cases

The 28,500-odd veterans now in hospital fall into three classes—mental cases, tuberculars and general medical and surgical cases. Patients of each class require treatment of so special a character that segregation in separate and specially-equipped hospitals is necessary in the judgment of eminent medical authorities, though this course is opposed by General Sawyer. The result of these and other delaying tactics is that the mental patients, who represent the greatest inconvenience and danger to society, who are least capable of defending themselves and their interests, and who need the most special and particular care of all, are faring worst at the hands of the Government in whose service they became deprived of the faculty without which life is useless—reason.

Of the 9,188 mental patients, 4,509 are not in government-owned or managed hospitals, but are "contracted" for on a profitable commercial basis by public and private institutions. These

are mostly insane asylums, mad houses where a patient is given "custodial care" which is an agreeable term for jailing a man, locking or chaining him up. In certain extensively patronized institutions there is little or no effort to cure the patient; only to restrain him. The result is that many whose reason could have been restored in these vile environs have become irretrievably insane, and unless conditions change, says Dr. Salmon, "hundreds who now stand a fair chance of being cured" will follow the same dark path. Such a policy is neutralizing certain important factors which are now on the side of the veterans. They are young men, usually in excellent bodily condition, and their mental afflictions have not become chronic. They are in a state which will lend itself favorably to treatment, with the further opportunity—which is denied most insane—of leaving hospitals when partially well, and of going out to live contented and useful lives with financial aid in the form of disability compensation and industrial aid through vocational training.

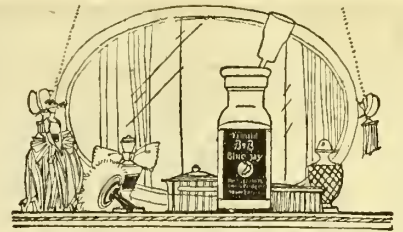
Ohio's Profiteers

Conditions in Ohio are little different from those elsewhere, but because Ohio is the home of General Sawyer and other high officials of the Government, it may be interesting to note the extent of the profiteering that is done there on the helpless soldier who is farmed out because adequate facilities in "high-powered" government hospitals are not available. The state welfare department of Ohio callously admits that an average profit of \$200 a year has been made on every mentally impaired veteran Ohio "contracted" to take care of for the Government. If all Ohio institutions were as economically managed as the state hospital at Athens the profit would be larger, for of the \$547.50 a year the Government turns over to be spent on each patient the Athens hospital uses only \$276.66. Thus a neat bit of velvet—\$271 per insane soldier per annum—is turned back into the state treasury.

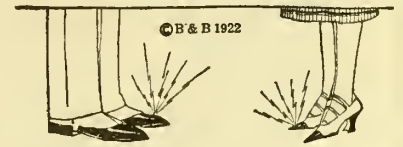
With these figures before us it seems almost superfluous to preach economy on the hospital question, yet it is done. Dr. Sawyer, a member of President Harding's official family and a notable figure in government circles which deal with the veteran hospital question, recently said on this subject:

I know the World War veteran wishes his country to survive. That being true, all Americans should feel that the affairs of the Government should be efficiently as well as economically administered. We must realize that any expense imposed now must be paid by taxation of the people, and the veteran and his family will be the ones who must meet such obligations as we fix upon ourselves at this time.

The foregoing utterance of General Sawyer is worthy of careful study. It involves a question in which the veterans of this country have two distinct interests—one financial and one humanitarian. They should be reconciled, if possible.



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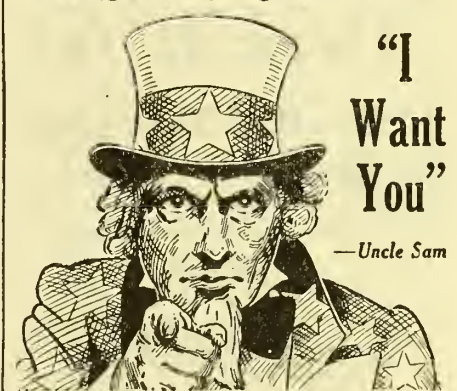
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But let us return for a moment to the situation of the mentally afflicted soldier in the state institutions of Ohio, and this time compare the type of care a patient receives in such hospitals with the type received in "high-powered" government-owned and operated hospitals. Figures for 1920 show there were thirty-one physicians and 10,412 patients in Ohio's seven institutions; one doctor to each 320 patients, or about the same ratio as may be found in many normally healthy American communities. At St. Elizabeth's, the government hospital for mental diseases at Washington, there is one doctor to 127 patients; at the government-operated sanitarium at Marion, Indiana, one to fifty. While Ohio, in a pinch can care for a sick veteran for \$276 a year—and the national average in contract hospitals for 1920, a high price year, was \$315—when the Government undertakes to treat a mentally disabled veteran in a government hospital it spends not less than \$1,000 a year. It gives him the kind of care The American Legion is insisting shall be given all mentally ill veterans, and not to less than half of them, as at the present time.

These remarks on hospital conditions present only a part of the picture. They show the state of the men who are in hospitals. To these add other thousands who are receiving no treatment at all. In some cases government procedure is so blind and so tardy that the man has never been found and his caretakers apprised of his rights. In other cases these rights are well known, in fact too well known. Parents are unwilling to send their sons or wives their husbands to such institutions as the Government employs. Or relatives and friends insist on rescuing men from such places as in the case of one winner of the Croix de Guerre whom Red Cross investigators found harnessed to a bed in a Chicago tenement hotel.

Mental Disorders Increasing

Read almost any newspaper for a week and you will find in its columns an item in which a one-time defender of his country is described as ending his life in a fit of temporary insanity or where another has brought embarrassment or disgrace upon himself and his family by an irresponsible act. Mental diseases differ from other ailments in that they affect only the machinery which regulates the action of the body. The body retains its strength and vigor, which the man can use but cannot intelligently direct. Such disorders among veterans are increasing at a rate which is astounding to all except the specialists who predicted it right along. But their advice, like so much other expert advice, was side-tracked for the half-baked views of the orists.

There are 11,284 veterans in hospital afflicted with tuberculosis. Of this number 3,024 are in contract hospitals. A national survey of their condition recently completed by A. A. Sprague, chairman of the Legion's National Rehabilitation Committee, reveals many unconscionable evils, of a character disclosed by the brief examination of the neuro-psychiatric situation just made, but on the whole the conditions are better by comparison. Of course, this isn't saying much.

The worst spots on the tuberculosis

map are in and around New York City, in western Pennsylvania and nearby territory, and in Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and California. The New York and Pennsylvania situations arise from a shortage of hospital facilities. The attitude of Vassar College and certain rich and influential country estate owners who so far have blocked efforts to build a hospital near New York has been discussed. Other complications enter into the Pennsylvania situation which appear even to offer less excuse for delay. The Western States mentioned have long been popularly regarded as favorable for tuberculars by reason of the climate. Since the effects of gas, exposure and the other heritages of military and naval service which bring on pulmonary troubles have begun to manifest themselves in the form of tuberculosis there has been a steady trek from all points of the compass to these western centers.

A Westward Migration

Despite all the Legion, both locally and nationally could do, despite the efforts of other welfare agencies and the Government the migration continues. It has given rise to a desperate problem. Not only veterans, but whole families are daily arriving, usually with small means and frequently destitute. It is estimated that there are at present 10,000 unhospitalized cases in the district. Some are unhospitalized because there are no hospitals, others because of a quirk in the law, which provides that the disease must have evidenced itself within two years after separation from the service, or the veterans are ineligible for government benefits.

Why Use the Dotted Line?

"WHAT chance has a lonely ex-buck or ex-gob in the Legion?" Somebody asked that question of Andrew Duclaine of Danbury, Conn. Duclaine, an ex-gob, replied:

Every bit as much of a chance as an ex-admiral. There's many a lieutenant-commander being called to order in meetings by a former second-class fireman of his ship, and many an army officer of high rank proud to follow Post Commander X. Buck in Legion parades. There are no "Officers Only" signs in the Legion.

What question has been asked you by a prospective member that you thought a difficult one to answer? Tell it, and the answer, to the Dotted Line Editor, American Legion Weekly, 627 West 43d Street, New York City.

The Legion is endeavoring to have this grace period changed to four years.

General medical and surgical cases, embracing the common run of human ailments and recurrent afflictions from battle wounds, are better cared for than any others. This does not mean the treatment is all that reasonably could be expected, for it is not, but by comparison with what the average n.p. or t.b. patient gets it is good. Nearly 2,000 men are in contract hospitals which exhibit their share of contract evils. This class of patients, however, is about stationary, while mental and pulmonary cases are rapidly increasing.

Such, in a general way, is the condition of the men who are in hospital still suffering from war disabilities. The Veterans Bureau cannot be blamed for it all by any means. The construction of hospitals has been in other hands. The Bureau has full responsibility for the contract situation, excepting, however, that it is bound to continue it until government hospitals are provided. It has, especially of recent months, severed relations with some of the most unworthy contract institutions. It can do more in that line. One of Mr. Forbes' commissions of medical experts lately recommended a review of every existing contract.

Many of the handicaps imposed upon the Bureau have been deliberate, a part of an organized effort to weaken rather than strengthen the grip of the new agency. The original law creating the Bureau was a triumph but it was not without defects. The Bureau

used the hospital facilities of the United States Public Health Service but it could not control them. A. A. Sprague probably did more than any other one man to correct this. After a long but unsuccessful series of negotiations he went straight to the President, and in the name of the Legion, asked for an executive order giving Director Forbes control of all Public Health Service hospitals serving Veterans Bureau beneficiaries. The President signed the order.

The Public Health Service, of course, was bitterly opposed to this step. Mr. Forbes says the hospitals he has thus acquired are operating satisfactorily, but medical men who know appreciate the time he is having building up a contented hospital personnel. There is a rumor in Public Health Service circles that tenure of office with the Veterans Bureau is insecure. Whether intended or not, the effect is to lower the morale of the Veterans Bureau hospital service.

But this change was a great step forward. Another was the law governing the recent relief appropriation of \$17,000,000 for hospitals the construction of which is in the hands of the Veterans Bureau. A new hand is fast assuming control of the whole veteran hospital situation. It is the hand of the Director of the Veterans Bureau. The inexcusable failures of the past, with the suffering and death they have entailed, cannot be repeated without it being clear who is responsible.

(The next article of this series will review the vocational training situation.)

Outfit Reunions and Notices

CONTRIBUTIONS for this column must be received at least three weeks in advance of the events with which they are concerned.

14TH N. Y. INF.—Annual reunion and dinner at Hotel Shelbourne, Brighton Beach, N. Y., July 15. Members of the 106th Inf., 105th F. A. and 2d Pioneer Inf. interested, address A. F. Martens, 1402 Eighth ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

21ST ENGINEERS, LIGHT RAILWAY—Second annual reunion, New Orleans, La., Oct. 16. Address Chas T. Butler, Sec'y., 308 Union Station, Indianapolis, Ind.

32D DIVISION—Third annual reunion, Madison, Wis., Aug. 26-29. Address Red Arrow Club, care of Association of Commerce, Madison, Wis.

58TH, 59TH INF. BANDS, 4TH DIV.—Reunion at Carlisle, Pa., July 9-16. Address H. Kirsh, Sec'y., Carlisle, Pa.

88TH DIVISION—Reunion at Fort Snelling, Minn., Sept. 1, 2, 3. Address Phil O'Toole, Publicity Officer, 305 Old Capitol, St. Paul, Minn.

91ST DIVISION ASS'N—Reunion of all 91st Div. men at Seattle, Wash., August 18, 19, 20. Address W. J. Borland, Room 311 Railway Exchange bldg., Seattle, Wash.

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QUERIES with reference to locating former buddies whose statements are necessary to substantiate compensation claims should be sent to the Service Division, National Headquarters, American Legion, Indianapolis, Indiana. The Service Division will be glad to assist in finding men after other means have failed and, if necessary, will advertise through the Weekly.

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BATTERY D, 55TH C. A. C.—Reunion at New Bedford, Mass., August 5. Address Harold B. Guthrie, 135 Dartmouth st., New Bedford, Mass.

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Keeping Step with the Legion

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Now it is not the practice of this department to pay any attention to anonymous contributions, but we're going to make one exception. Soon after the suggestion for a national Legion home was dropped into the magazine there came a letter duly postmarked at San Francisco and written (all there was of it to write) on a sheet of hotel stationery. Pinned to it was the page from the Weekly containing the National Commander's idea.

"An unofficial endorsement," was written on the sheet of notepaper. And folded within it was a one-dollar bill.

Helping Buddy's Census

MANY units of the Auxiliary are working under the plan of sending a "Biddy for every Buddy" on census work. For every member of the Legion who goes out as a census worker, there is a member of the Auxiliary to help him: Wherever the ex-service man is questioned, the Auxiliary questions the women members of his family.

Give the Youngsters a Chance

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of the coming generation will bless the name of The American Legion every hot, sticky, humid summer's day that they jump off a springboard.

Getting back to California, a State which endorses athletics, all the Legion has to do is to ride with the current, steering its craft in midstream by a rudder—the State Athletic Council, which supervises Legion athletics.

We have material galore. In the basketball tournament this spring, out of 265 posts in the State, 125 competed for the championship. For the finals in the baseball tournament to be decided on the Leland Stanford, Jr., University grounds at Palo Alto, near San Jose, 75 teams are in the field. We haven't received final returns on the number of relay teams but expect a whale of a big entry.

We can't organize baseball leagues as the New Jersey posts have done because California is 750 miles long, compelling us to institute the home-and-home arrangement of games. Each of our eleven Congressional districts will pick a champion baseball and relay team for the finals.

The champions will be awarded trophies and the individual members of the winning team will receive medals. We will also award a special Legion medal to the chairman of the athletic council in the Congressional district which captures the championship. We believe in recognizing the efforts of the hard-working manager. Often it is he that inspires a post to place a strong team in the field.

For the guidance of Legion athletics, each Congressional district will adopt its own constitution and by-laws. The first district to draw up a constitution was the Fresno district which on February 12th, at a meeting of post executives, wrote a set of rules to govern its territory.

Other districts have received copies of the Fresno constitution as a model to govern all Legion sports. In urging organization I sent each post a copy of the constitution and a circular letter which reads in part:

I would advise that the athletic officers in each Congressional district get together at some central point and organize an athletic council in each district, adopt the enclosed constitution and by-laws as a guide, and elect a chairman, vice-chairman, secretary and treasurer to assist in guiding athletics. The athletic officer from each of the respective posts in each district will be an

official member of the Athletic Council, with a voice and a vote. Each district will control its own Legion athletics within the district proper, looking for outside competition in all sports fostered with teams from other Congressional districts.

The object of the Legion Athletic Council is to foster and promote athletics among American Legion posts of California, to provide uniform rules, to protect the sport-loving public and to insure that athletic events sponsored by The American Legion are clean and above criticism. Here is a brief outline of the constitution:

The Legion Athletic Council shall be composed of representatives of all posts in good standing and shall have jurisdiction over all inter-post events, but shall not interfere with athletic activities within the individual posts. No post may be suspended or expelled without two weeks' notice in writing by a vote of the full representation of the executive committee.

Officers of the Athletic Council—elected for one year—shall be a chairman, vice-chairman and secretary-treasurer elected by the delegates. Administration of each district shall be vested in an executive committee, chairman, vice-chairman and a representative from each post in the district.

The council chairman shall appoint one representative as chairman of the committee of baseball, football and other major sports who shall select such committee members as he sees fit, subject to the approval of the executive committee. A post may protest any action of the executive committee, which protest shall be decided by a mail vote of the posts, which result shall be final and binding.

The council shall meet at least once annually to elect officers at the call of the executive committee.

Expenses shall be shared pro rata by posts at the rate of \$5 a year for each post with a paid-up membership of less than 200, and for more than 200, \$5 a year extra for each additional 100 or fraction.

A two-thirds vote by posts shall be necessary to amend the constitution.

Participants in athletics shall be limited to members of Legion posts not living nearer than halfway between posts in the same league. No college man registered at a college or university and representing his institution may, while in residence, compete for the Legion in the same sport. Non-Legion members, amateurs in good standing, may play on a Legion team in other than a championship match. Contestants must have lived for at least 30 days in a town before being permitted to compete for a post.

Women Fall Behind Men in Coupon Race

By Buddy in the Barrel

In looking over the stacks of coupons the other day, coupons on labor-saving devices, such as washing machines and vacuum cleaners, I gleaned the fact that our sisters, wives and mothers are running a bad second in the skirmish for the little silent salesmen.

I am not saying anything about it to the Advertising Manager, but am going to put a bug in the ears of all the womenfolk and give them a chance to get caught up on coupons before the Chief catches on.

On these home devices, I thought the women would make us birds look like a bunch of rear rankers in the last squad in the fourth platoon. Yet when I went over the dotted lines, there was very little indication that the Auxiliary members ever heard of me, my barrel, my mission and my misfortunes.

Maybe it's the slanguage I use, and, if so, I'm gonna change my style, and quit writing about galloping freckles, speckled dominos, top kickers, gold fish, and slum.

We gotta have the wommen with us. Fact is some 80 or 85 per cent of all merchandise bought in this country sets the women back cash. It's getting so us poor goofs celebrate when the wife let's us buy a collar button or shoe laces all by ourselves.

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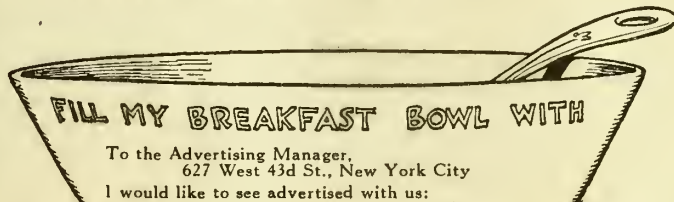
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